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PRESIDENT'S LETTER

The return of Gull Frolic! With the return of Gull Frolic this winter, it looks like we'll get the chance to continue ramping up trips and events this year! I'm definitely excited to get out and bird with more people!

As for Gull Frolic, it was great seeing everyone at this IOS mainstay—after a hiatus in 2021. Typical for the season, it was cold but we got to see lots of great gulls and learn about bird coloration from George Hill. My highlights were definitely the frosty 1st cycle Kumlien's Iceland Gull that loafed nearby for a good portion of the day, and the non-gull Harlequin Duck that made an appearance a few times by the yacht club. For those that stuck it out until late in the day (that was not me), a Glaucous Gull also decided to make an appearance, frolicking across the sky I'm sure. The fact that this event is always so well attended and appreciated by everyone, in the dead of winter, really shows how great of a job everyone does organizing it. I want to thank all the volunteers, attendees, and speakers from not only this year but all the past years that have made this event what it is in its 20th year!

As far as winters go, this was certainly another fun one for me in Illinois, especially with some finch species invading Illinois again. Never have I been able to so easily track down Common Redpolls in so many places around the state! I don't know if we'll know for sure yet, but from everyone I talked to this felt like one of the highest densities of this species we've ever seen in the state. It was also a treat for me to see a splendid flock of White-winged Crossbills, my first for Illinois, feasting on spruce cones in Memorial Cemetery, Skokie, IL. When you really get a chance to watch them feeding, it's interesting to see how they just throw the cones they are done with on the ground. I guess that way they don't waste their time checking those cones again. This winter also brought me my lifer Golden Eagle by way of a trip planned by my wife and friends. We traveled west to Carroll and Jo Daviss counties where we were able to track down a couple of wintering eagles along the bluffs of the Mississippi River. We also marveled at the huge numbers of Bald Eagles also wintering right along the river, upwards of 50 dotting the trees and soaring over the ice flows. As usual, the birds were only about half the experience of these birding excursions. What made them truly memorable were the friends that accompanied me and shared in the experiences.

Happy Birding!

Matt Igleski
IOS President

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Adam Sell took this photo of a Gyrfalcon in Lake County on 4 Jan. 2021.

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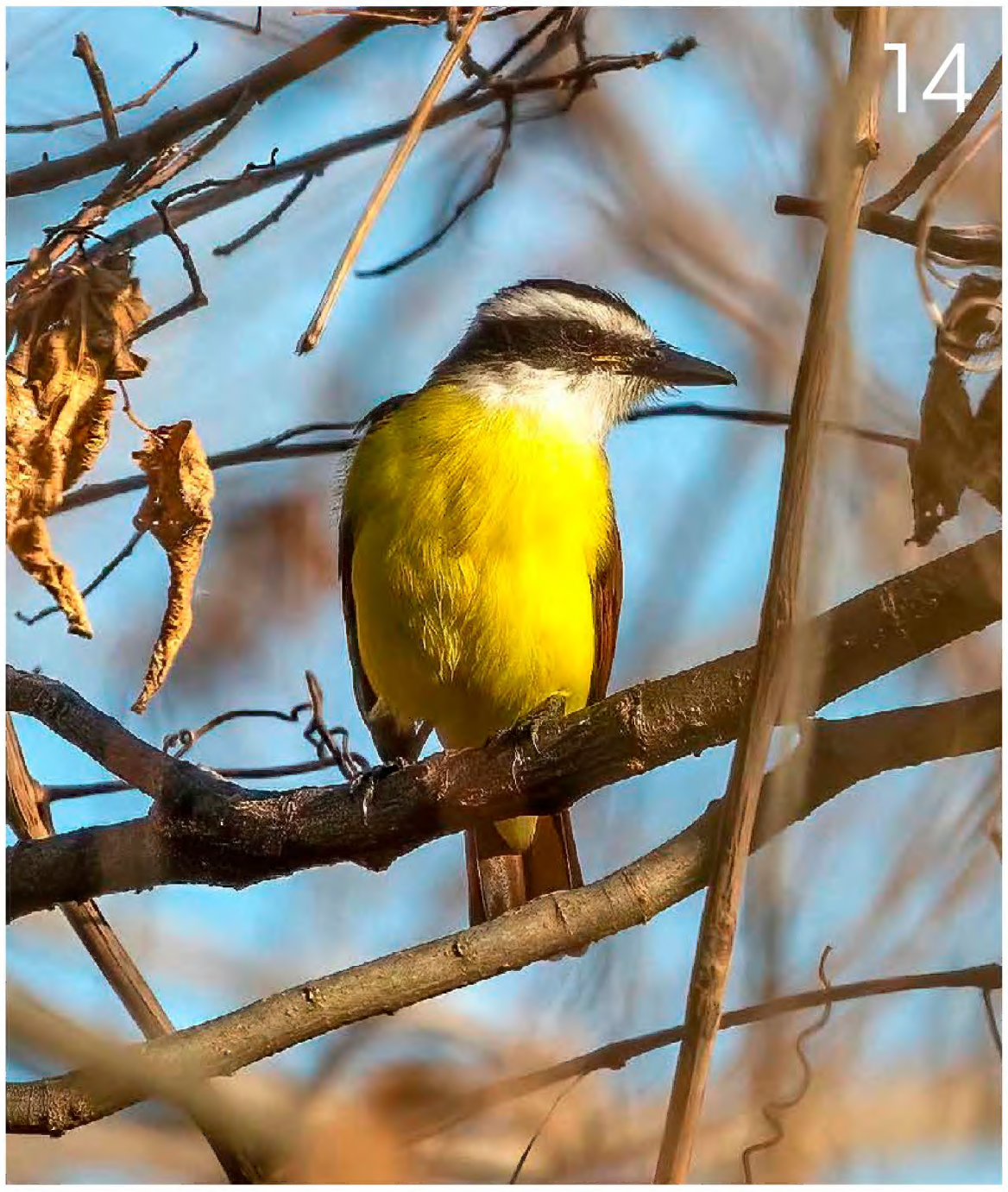

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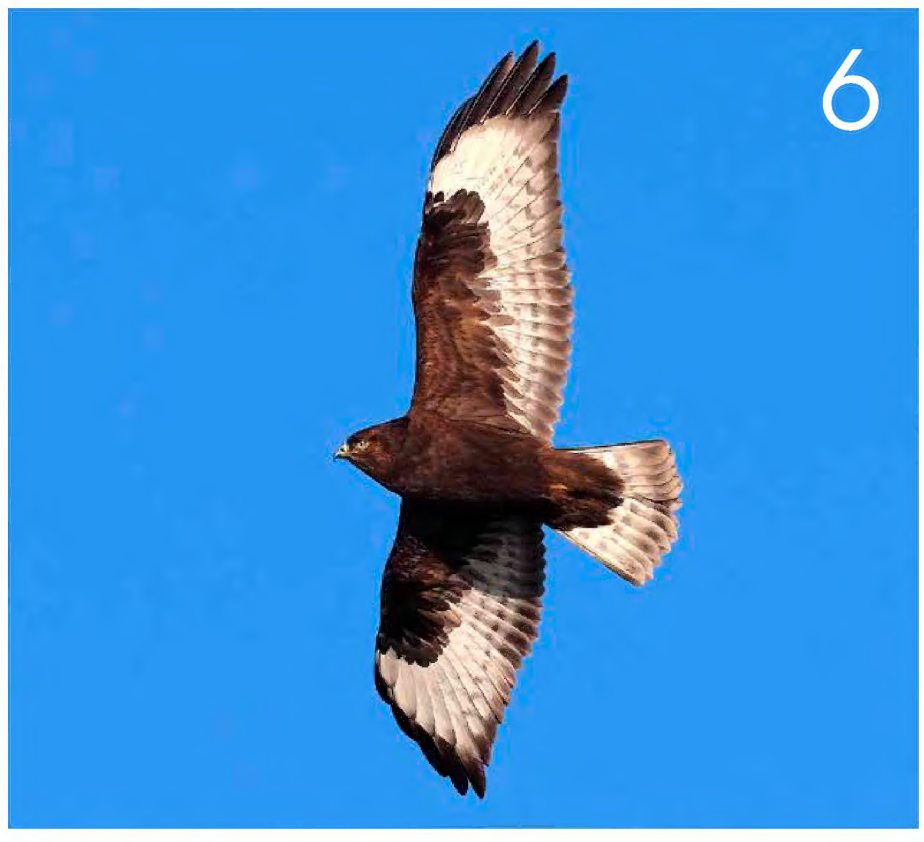

ABOVE: **TOP LEFT:** GREAT KISKADEE. Des Plaines C.A., Will County. Photo by Matt Misewicz. **BOTTOM LEFT:** BRANT. Montrose Harbor, Cook County, 4 January 2021. Photo by Matt Misewicz. **BOTTOM RIGHT:** ROUGH-LEGGED HAWK. Goose Lake Prairie S.N.A., Grundy County, 20 December 2020. Photo by Don Blecha.

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EDITOR'S CORNER

Underappreciated Birds

By Eric Secker

List off birds like gulls, sparrows, peeps, and confusing shorebirds, and some people's eyes will start to glaze over. For many of us, our perceptions of birds are undeniably changed by both what is common and what we can identify, but when we break out of these mindsets to truly reflect on a bird that we're studying in front of us, we can be pleasantly surprised. This is the same reason that I encourage all bird photographers to also carry a pair of binoculars or even leave the camera at home from time to time. When we're hyper-focused on getting the right photo of a bird, we can miss the opportunity to fully take in what is around us. Our obsessions for birding can have the same fate when we spend so much time searching for specific birds or traveling afar that we miss out on additional time and incredible experiences right in front of us. It's certainly possible, even if uncommon, to find me out birding on a summer evening without binoculars. It's an opportunity to listen and observe birds in a different way.

Common birds and those that look similar to each other get particularly forgotten, but guide an international birder to some of your local birding spots, and you may find yourself appreciating an American Goldfinch or Blue Jay as if you'd never seen one before. It's easy to forget how incredibly stunning some birds are when we see them on a regular basis. The fact that these species can be a source of joy is further supported by the fact that, oddly or not, some birders end up developing a particular passion, dare I say even obsession, for specific families of birds. While I like to think of myself as being very knowledgeable about warblers, I'm impressed by birders who have made it a point to be experts on species like gulls. While albinistic and leusitic counterparts of expected species garner excitement from many birders, gulls — in all of their expected white and gray — sometimes get relatively little appreciation. Imagine if instead of frequently seeing swarms of gulls flying over a bay of open water and ice, you only saw flocks of crows, but then one day saw an all-white first or second-winter Glaucous Gull soaring by close over the water instead.

GLAUCOUS GULL. Arsenal Rd. Pond, Will Co. 20 Feb. 2021. Photo by Ryan Jones.

Twenty years ago, there weren't nearly as many birders trained in the identification of rare species of gulls – the plain white birds that "fly around scraps of trash" were uninspiring enough to get lumped by the general public into the blanket term of "seagulls" that is loathed by so many birders. Those not familiar with the history of birds in Illinois, may not even know that many species of gulls were once far less common in the state. The IOS Gull Frolic began to change many birders' perceptions of gulls starting some twenty plus years ago. As people learned how to identify these similar-looking birds thanks to events like the gull frolic along with the help of fellow birders, newer birding guides, and the increasing presence of photos and resources on the then still growing internet, gulls started to get more notice. The boom in relatively affordable digital cameras and large lenses, also gave birders photos that they could refer back to later. Perceptions of gulls changed from something common and boring to something that can be quite rare and fill the slow winter months with enjoyment. IOS volunteers attempted to take that enjoyment to the max by pairing looks at these rare birds with other things that birders flock to in the winter – community, indoor heating and restrooms, and last but not least, food. With a cup of chili in one hand, and binoculars or a spotting scope in the other, birders began to admire the beauty of gulls both in flight and on the water, as well as their unique characteristics and personality traits. ■

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[12] LSpfld, 21 Jan. (Colin Dobson).
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[11,000] UniversalMine, 8 Feb. (Steven Lima).
[6,000] Chau, 6 Dec. (Matthew Williams).
[3,000] Lincoln Trail SP (Clark Co), 12 Feb. (Steven Lima).

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American Wigeon
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[20] Colleen L (Montgomery Co), 26 Feb. (Keith McMullen).

Mallard
[22,500] DWR, 4 Dec. (Douglas Stotz).
[20,000] Carll-C, 26 Dec. (Dan Kaufmann).
[16,650] Braidwood IL (Will Co), 27 Jan. (Tate Butler).
[10,000] DeWitt, 4 Dec. (Colin Dobson).

EXCITING CHANGES TO MEADOWLARK FIELD NOTES

Over the past few months, IOS has been working on some exciting new changes and updates to the Meadowlark Field Notes.

When field notes were first introduced in Meadowlark, all of the records were compiled from birders' manually submitted sightings along with other sources such as rare bird alerts and bird count records. As platforms like eBird have taken over, many birders have switched to using it as their primary source for record keeping. Meadowlark Field Notes have had to adapt to pulling many sightings from eBird's giant database.

In the past two years, IOS has already worked on steps to streamline the process that editors use to pull sightings from eBird. We have also added some redundancies to help ensure that data from contributors who still invest considerable time to manually submit field notes does not get lost.

Thanks to the cost savings from members electing to receive digital-only issues of Meadowlark, along with a dues increase to help IOS continue to evolve and thrive as an organization, we are now able to make a number of improvements to the field notes.

With this issue, we are implementing four more major changes to field notes. **1. Digitally Searchable Field Notes.** From now going forward, all field notes selected for publication in Meadowlark — including those submitted manually to us — will also be stored in an Excel spreadsheet and database that will be available online and also sent via email to all IOS members in addition to being included in the print and digital copies of Meadowlark magazine.

Observer names will now be listed out with sightings and will not have to be looked up in a chart of abbreviations. **3. Understandable Location Names.** Starting with the next Spring issue, abbreviated location names will also be adjusted so that they are more recognizable to readers without referring back to the abbreviation list. **4. More Readable Format.** The field notes format has been updated to a new style that we hope will be much easier for readers to view and understand.

These changes took time to implement and postponed the release of this issue, but in addition to these changes benefiting our readers, these changes will also speed up the work for our field notes editors and help us stay on track as we deal with the ever increasing volume of eBird records that we have to sift through each season.

Additional changes are under discussion as well. Some members love field notes while others don't read them at all or only glance at photos. We are looking into options for members to either elect to receive field notes or to include them as a supplement for members who want to receive them. That change would benefit members, further reduce costs, and reduce unwanted paper use with printing the magazine

If you have questions, comments, or feedback regarding the changes, feel free to reach out to us by sending an email to publications@illinoisbirds.org. ■

Field Notes Changes

1. DIGITALLY SEARCHABLE FIELD NOTES
2. FULL OBSERVER NAMES
3. UNDERSTANDABLE LOCATION NAMES
4. MORE READABLE FORMAT

2020 ILLINOIS CHRISTMAS BIRD COUNT REPORT

REDHEADS AND OTHER DUCKS. Harborside G.C., Lake Calumet, Cook Co. 14 Dec. 2020. Photo by Walter Marcisz.

COUNT SUMMARY

Illinois enjoyed a temperate season with only 11 counts that didn't reach the freezing mark, and only one below 20 degrees for a high. Snow was fairly absent, with only 6 counts reporting a trace amount to 1 inch of snow, and 9 counts reported over 1 inch of snow. Rend Lake and Carlyle Lake led in total species, with 107 and 105 respectively.

69 counts reported this year, with a total of 1278 field observers contributing 4387 hours over 24,532 miles — all numbers fairly similar to last two years. There were 284 feeder observers logging 460.2 hours. 504.4 nocturnal hours were logged, which was more than double last year's total. Fermilab-Batavia led the way as usual with 108 observers, followed by the Lisle Arboretum with 72 observers.

DUCKS THROUGH HERONS

There were 30,206 Greater White-fronted Geese reported, and a total of 112,158 Snow Geese. 3,117 Tundra Swans were reported on 8 counts, while 170 Mute Swans were recorded on 17 counts. 2,701 Trumpeter Swans were reported on 24 counts. Clinton IA had an impressive 26,265 Canvasbacks. 2 counts reported Surf Scoter and 1 reported Black Scoter, while White-winged Scoters went unreported this year. 3 counts reported Long-tailed Duck.

Northern Bobwhites were seen on 11 counts, compared to 13 in 2019 and 14 in 2018. Ring-necked Pheasants were reported on 29 counts, compared to 27 counts in 2019, and Newton reported 59 Greater Prairie-Chickens. Six counts reported Common Loon, while Red-throated Loons were seen on two counts after a three-year absence. 7 counts reported Horned Grebes, and 335 Pied-billed Grebes were reported from 31 counts. 1737 American White Pelicans were recorded on 22 counts. Black-crowned Night-Herons were reported from two northern counts, plus one count week bird at Springfield.

RAPTORS THROUGH WOODPECKERS

9 counts reported 492 Black Vultures, up from 384 in 2019, while 21 counts reported 880 Turkey Vultures. Cooper's Hawks were recorded in 64 counties. 68 of 69 counts reported a total of 1,952 Bald Eagles. A total 128 Rough-legged Hawks were reported from 37 counties. Clinton IA had the only Golden Eagle. A warm count period resulted in a good number of Sandhill Crane reports for the third year in a row, with 18 counts reporting a total of 2065 birds. 13 counts reported Wilson's Snipe, and 3 counts found American Woodcocks. Least Sandpipers were reported at Horseshoe Lake and Quincy. 10 counts reported 3,438 Bonaparte's Gulls, and Waukegan had a Franklin's Gull. Springfield had the only California Gull. 6 counts reported "Thayer's" Gulls, while 2 reported Iceland Gull. 9 counts reported Lesser Black-backed Gulls. Shelbyville Reservoir had the only Glaucous Gull. 4 counts reported Great Black-backed Gulls. Forster's Terns were seen at Rend Lake for the second year in a row.

Eurasian Collared-Doves were reported on 46 counts, up from 42 last year, and 37 in 2018. Barn Owl were reported on one southern an one northern count. Only Clinton IA reported a Snowy Owl. Only 10 counts reported Long-eared Owls, up one from 2018 and 2019. 23 counts reported Short-eared Owls, up notably from 11 in 2019 and 14 in 2018, and 18 counts reported Northern Saw-whet Owls. All 69 counts reported American Kestrel. 21 counts reported Merlin, up from 18 in 2019 and 14 reported Peregrine Falcon, up from 12 last year. Monk Parakeets were not reported for the first time in the past five years, though colonies persist in expected locations. A Rufous Hummingbird was a notable bird for the Crab Orhard N.W.R. CBC.

FLYCATCHERS THROUGH FINCHES

Fifteen counts reported Eastern Phoebes this year. Only Eastern Knox County reported a Loggerhead Shrike this year. Thirteen counts reported Northern Shrikes. 63 counts reported a total 771 Red-breasted Nuthatches, a notable year for the species. 45 counts reported Winter Wrens. 7 counts reported House Wrens, none reported Sedge Wrens (compared with 4 in 2019), and 4 reported Marsh Wrens. 28 counts reported Ruby-crowned Kinglets. Eight counts reported American Pipits. Late warblers included an Ovenbird at Champaign County, a Nashville Warbler at Chicago (urban), two Orange-crowned Warblers, 2 Common Yellowthroats, and Pine Warblers on 4 counts. LeConte's Sparrows were seen at Crane Lake-Sangamon (4 birds), Horseshoe Lake (2), and Crab Orchard NWR (1). A Clay-colored Sparrow was seen on the Waukegan count. Jackson County had a Harris's Sparrow, and 3 counties had Lincoln's Sparrows. Savannah Sparrows were seen on 26 counts. Bloomington-Normal had a Spotted Towhee and 2 were reported at Carlyle Lake. 3 counts had Indigo Buntings. Western Meadowlarks were reported from 4 counts. A Baltimore Oriole from Davenport IA was notable. After last year's absence, White-winged Crossbills were reported from 6 counts and Red Crossbills from 9 counts. A total 183 Common Redpolls were reported from 14 counts, and a count week Hoary Redpoll was reported from Evanston (north shore). 55 counts had Common Redpolls compared to 21 in 2019. 4 Evening Grosbeaks were reported from Clinton IA. A total of 4434 Eurasian Tree Sparrows were reported from 34 counts, up from 32 counts last year and 26 counts in 2018. ■

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Table 1. Count information, weather, and effort data for the 2020/2021 Christmas Bird Count in Illinois

Count Name	Code	2017-18 Date	Field Obsrs	Total Parties	Party Hours	Party Miles	Fdr. Obsrs	Fdr. Hours	Owl Hours	Owl Miles	Temp (°F) Low	Temp (°F) High	Wind Dir.	Wind Speed Low	Wind Speed High	Snow Depth	Water	Sky Conditions (a.m./p.m.)	Compiler	
Andalusia	ANDA	24 Dec	11	4	33.5	244.75	2	1.25	4.75	37	9	16	W	15	30	0	F/PO	Pt Cldy/Clear	Kelly J. McKay	NORTH
Barrington	BARR	14 Dec	27	17	77.6	222.9	7	12			27	31	NW	8	12	0	PO/O	Clear/Pt Cldy	Duane Heaton	
Big Rock	BGRK	20 Dec	25	23	26	363.7	4				30	34	W	5	15		F/O	Cloudy/Pt Cldy	Timothy Balassie	
Calumet City-Sand Ridge	CALU	2 Jan	35	15	79.2	284.1	4	5.25	1	1	32	36	N	6	10	2	PO/O	Cloudy/Cloudy	John Elliot	
Chicago (urban)	CHIU	20-Dec	38	23	101.5	214	4	4	5	4	22	33	W	3	8	0	F/O	Pt Cldy/Clear	Jeffrey Sanders	
Chicago Lakefront	CHLK	25 Dec	14	5	26.5	86.3	1				10	21	NW	9	15	0	PF/O	Clear/Pt Cldy	Joel Greenberg	
Clinton IA	CL IA	15 Dec	10	6	50	418	2	2	6.75	73	16	28	NE	5	10	1	F/O	Pt Cldy/Cloudy	Kelly J. McKay	
Davenport IA	DA IA	20 Dec	25	14	101.25	594.5	15	11.5	15.25	112.25	26	39	SW	5	10	0	F/O	Pt Cldy/Clear	Kelly J. McKay	
Dekalb	DEKA	19 Dec	20	15	76.5	665.75	6	15	2	25	32	44	Var	3	9	0	PF/PO	Pt Cldy/Cloudy	Karen Lund	
Evanston (north shore)	EVNS	26 Dec	49	26	123.99	368.07	26	45.5	6	12	19	33	SW	4	15	0	PF/O	Pt Cldy/Pt Cldy	John Leonard	
Fermilab-Batavia	FERM	19 Dec	89	44	449	988.38	1	2	10.6		39	43	SW	6	12	0	F/O	Pt Cldy/Pt Cldy	Jeff Chapman	
Freeport	FREE	19 Dec	14	8	46.29	526.05	8	11			30	38	W	0	5	1	PO/O	Prt Clear/Cloudy	Richard Benning	
Hennepin	HENN	18 Dec	6	4	26.25	149.2			1.25		26	39	SE	3	13	0	PF/O	Cloudy/Prt Clear	Vera Leopold	
Illini S.P.	ILLI	5 Jan	8	4	31	307					27	30	W	0	6	3	F/PO	Cloudy/Cloudy	Jim Hampson	
Joliet	JOLI	19 Dec	18	6	39.5	123	2	8	1		36	46	W	5	12		PF/O	Cloudy/Cloudy	Gregory Bluhm	
Kankakee Valley	KANK	26 Dec	20	11	64.9	462.57	6	9.5	2.58		19	36	W	5	10	0	F/PF	Clear/Clear	Jed Hertz	
Kishwaukee	KISH	26 Dec	29	22	124.5	654.75	3	5.25	7.25	23	9	35	Var	4	8	0	PO/PF	Clear/Pt Cldy	Barbara Williams	
Lisle Arboretum	LISL	20 Dec	88	44	210.5	505.07	7	24.2	19.12	33.28	32	37	W	5	15		PF/O	Cloudy/Pt Cldy	Carl Giometti	
Lee Center	LEEC	17 Dec	13	5	53.73	420.85	4	1.75	6.25	5.48	22	38	NW	4	7		F/PF	Cloudy/Pt Cldy	Diana Rod	
McHenry County	MCHE	19 Dec	45	33	113.2	871	8	5	2		25	32	Calm	7	13	0	F/PF	Cloudy/Cloudy	Jeff Aufmann	
Morris-Wilmington	MOWI	3 Jan	9	5	38	222	1	2			30	32	S	2	5	4	F/O	Foggy/Cloudy	Bill Morris	
Muscatine IA	MU IA	22 Dec	15	5	46.25	374.5	7	14	4.75	27	21	48	SE	0	10	0	PF/O	Cloudy/Clear	Kelly J. McKay	
Princeton-Camanche IA	PC IA	17 Dec	12	6	54.75	445.5			7.25	87	19	34	W	0	5	0	F/O	Pt Cldy/Pt Cldy	Kelly J. McKay	
Rock Cut S.P.	RCSP	29 Dec	15	10	69.25	379.75	7	19.5	6.5	55.25	17	30	SW	6	21	1	F/PF	Cloudy/Cloudy	Joel Neylon	
Rockford	ROCK	19 Dec	36	25	135.25	749.75	9	17.5	15.5	71	37	39	SW	4	7	2	PO/O	Clear/Cloudy	Dan Williams	
Rutland	RUTL	2 Jan	43	24	94	333			4	19	28	35	N	0	12	5	PF/O	Cloudy/Cloudy	Eric Secker	
Schapville	SCHA	15 Dec	20	12	33	321	12	30			13	24		0	8	6	PO/PF	Prt Clear/Prt Clear	Terrence Ingram	
Starved Rock S.P.	SRSP	29 Dec	12	7	44	372.35	2	1	0.5	0.5	18	34	SE	3	17			Cloudy/Pt Cldy	John McKee	
Van Petten	VPET	23 Dec	7	5	35	240.75			5	28	45	55	SW	20	40	0	O/O	Pt Cldy/Pt Cldy	Kelly J. McKay	
Waukegan	WAUK	1 Jan	41	22	93.98	377.85	27	59	12.9		17	34	NE	3	18	1	PF/O	Cloudy/Cloudy	Adam Sell	
White Pines - Nachusa	WTPN	20 Dec	13	9	63.25	561.75	3	2	2.25	31.5	27	38	SW	0	14	0.5	PO/O	Cloudy/Pt Cldy	Russ Cline	
Allerton Park	ALPK	2 Jan	16	8	62	143	13	9.5	2	1	32	34	NW	2	14	0	O/O	Cloudy/Cloudy	Nathan Beccue	CENTRAL
Bald Bluff	BABL	27 Dec	7	4	36.75	276.5			9.75	46	29	48	SW	0	12	0	PO/PO	Prt Clear/Cloudy	Cathleen Monson	
Bloomington-Normal	BLOM	19 Dec	29	11	66.6	322					33	46	W	9	15	0	O/O	Cloudy/Cloudy	Angelo Capparella	
Bushnell	BUSH	19 Dec	5	3	24	201.5					33	37	NW	5	12		F/PF	Pt Cldy/Cloudy	Daniel Moorehouse	
Champaign County	CHAM	19 Dec	36	20	99.04	336.98	3	1.5	3		37	48	SE	3	15		PF/O	Cloudy/Pt Cldy	Brody Dunn	
Chautauqua N.W.R.	CHAU	26 Dec	11	6	43	319.25					15	38	SW	3	5		PF/PF	Clear/Clear	Sigurd Bjorklund	
Clinton Lake	CLLK	28 Dec	9	5	39.1	308			2.5		25	28	NW	12	16		PF/PF	Cloudy/Cloudy	Rhetta Jack	
Coles-Cumberland	COCU	19 Dec	23	13	43.75	337.75	4	8	1	0.5	34	46	S	5	10	0	O/O	Cloudy/Cloudy	Laurence Thorsen	
Crane Lake-Sangamon	CRSA	19 Dec	9	6	46	310			0.5		42	48	S	8	25		O/O	Pt Cldy/Cloudy	Bill Atwood	
Decatur	DECA	19 Dec	17	12	20.25	96.25	18	25.75			27	47	SE	9	15		PF/O	Clear/Pt Cldy	Norm Jensen	
Eastern Knox County	EKNX	14 Dec	10	8	63.6	524.9			7.85	79	24	32	NW	5	12	0	PO/PF	Pt Cldy/Pt Cldy	Jim Mountjoy	
Eastern Mercer County	EMER	3 Jan	10	6	46.5	303.25			12.75	75	22	26	W	0	5	5	F/PO	Cloudy/Prt Clear	Cathleen Monson	
Meredosia Island	MERE	15 Dec	10	5	37	253	1	0.5	3	25	23	32	S	5	10	0	PO/PF	Cloudy/Cloudy	James Smith	
Middle Fork River Valley	MFRV	3 Jan	18	11	62.25	425.5	3	6	0.75		22	33	NW	0	14	2	PO/PO	Cloudy/Cloudy	Tony Ward	
Morgan County	MOCO	26 Dec	6	5	49	387	2	4	6	30	19	42	Calm	0	5	0	PF/PF	Clear/Pt Cldy	Colin Dobson	
Peoria	PEOR	19 Dec	18	9	74.7	434.79	1	2	1	1	36	44	W	5	17	0	PF/O	Cloudy/Cloudy	Mike Miller	
Quincy	QUIN	19 Dec	6	3	21.75	219.5	14	30.5	1	13	34	44	NW	2	12		O/O	Cloudy/Cloudy	Brandon Stehl	
Rushville	RUSH	19 Dec	9	6	21.25	203.6	5	5	1		31	43	W	5	8			Prt Clear/Cloudy	Carolynn Benninghoff	
Sangchris Lake	SCLK	19 Dec	13	12	27	382.5	3	6	4.5	5	34	47	SW	6	20		O/O	Pt Cldy/Pt Cldy	Trevor Slovick	
Springfield	SPFD	3 Jan	17	10	70.5	358	9	12	4	14	25	31	SW	5	10	3	PF/O	Cloudy/Cloudy	H. David Bohlen	
Western Mercer County	WMER	21 Dec	11	6	48.25	332.25			10.75	77	36	50	NW	5	35	0	O/O	Clear/Clear	Kelly J. McKay	
Baldwin Lake-Kaskaskia	BALK	19 Dec	12	8	44.25	227.25	2		0.25	13	43	50	S	4	12	0	O/O	Cloudy/Prt Clear	Tim Dever	SOUTH
Bird Haven, Olney	BIRD	19 Dec	12	6	28	320.5	6	11.5	1		33	43	S	7	10		PF/O	Cloudy/Cloudy	Peter Weber	
Carlyle Lake	CALK	29 Dec	7	6	61	474.65			4.5	85	25	27	SE				O/O	Clear/Clear	Dan Kassebaum	
Collinsville	COLL	19 Dec	17	7	34.75	267.75	1	6.5	0.5		35	52	NW	5	11		O/O	Cloudy/Pt Cldy	Frank Holmes	
Crab Orchard N.W.R.	CROR	20 Dec	10	8	60	344	2		3		34	54	SW	6	15	0	PO/O	Cloudy/Prt Clear	Vicki Lang	
Cypress Creek	CYCR	14 Dec	12	7	57	314.6			0.5	8	21	39	N	5	12	0	O/O	Cloudy/Clear	Jeff Hoover	
Elsah	ELSA	19 Dec	14	6	46	260.5	8	6	1.5		32	52	W	8	20	0	PF/O	Pt Cldy/Prt Clear	Tom Fuller	
Horseshoe Lake	HSLK	28 Dec	13	11	80.5	333			1		36	47	NW	3	10	0	O/O	Pt Cldy/Clear	Vernon Kleen	
Jackson County	JACK	1 Jan	14	11	63.78	345.7	2	4.25	1.5	19	31	45	E	7	13		PO/O	Cloudy/Cloudy	Rhonda S. Rothrock	
Monroe County	MNCO	26 Dec	8	7	16.5	155.1	4	2.5	0.5		20	47	SE	0	14	0	F/O	Clear/Clear		
Mermet Lake, Massac Co.	MRLK	30 Dec	9	5	37.56	248.52	3	6.5	1.5	11	39	56	W	3	14		PO/O	Cloudy/Cloudy	Rhonda S. Rothrock	
Middle Mississippi NWR	MMWR	31 Dec	10	6	43.91	267.03			1.35	4	29	33	NE	7	10		PO/O	Cloudy/Pt Cldy	Rhonda S. Rothrock	
Newton	NEWT	15 Dec	3	3	21	196.5			1		25	37	E	5	15	0	PO/PO	Pt Cldy/Pt Cldy	Jeff Walk	
Rend Lake	RDLK	19 Dec	8	6	59	559.7			5.5	81	39	44	SW	9	11		PF/O	Cloudy/Pt Cldy	Keith A. McMullen	
Shelbyville Reservoir	SHEL	2 Jan	6	5	49	351					31	35	NW	0	15		PF/PF	Cloudy/Cloudy	Travis Mahan	
Union County	UNION	29 Dec	15	11	79.75	337.75			4.25		28	43	NE	5	8		PF/O	Prt Clear/Cloudy	Vernon Kleen	
Warbluff Valley	WRBV	16 Dec	11	6	41.5	204.35	2	4	0.33		31	36	NW	3	10	0.01	O/O	Cloudy/Cloudy	Andrea Douglas	

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Greater White-fronted Goose			33					515					680	13		cw					14	25									
Snow Goose	29		37					34		2	1										2										
Ross's Goose			cw																					cw				1			
Brant																														cw	
Cackling Goose			43				50	68	253		8		7	11		2	21	71		20	4	3	5		25	1		72			
Canada Goose	388	3011	12090	3645	4826	1885	1720	8260	7983	4592	12651	1145	2426	1255	3360	2110	3713	1535	7981	7816	3060	1388	1490	9222	6463	6683	15	2565	965	6080	1130
Mute Swan				40				3					21							2	6									40	
Trumpeter Swan	5					1	684	1			1		7				4		10		6		15							6	
Tundra Swan			46				2957					cw	57							8	2									cw	
Wood Duck	1				4		5	2					6	3		cw				2		7		1	2						
Gadwall	1	4	4	68	1		67	22		5	11		71	41	15	1			291	33	143		2	cw	1					1	
American Wigeon			1		1		4						2		4				3												
American Black Duck		3	14	3	1	1		1		5	7		11			6			8	2	18			2	30	5				7	
Mallard	141	813	5127	672	546	71	2283	1111	299	1738	1733	124	8980	206	756	424	160	33	1576	1691	477	136	144	232	2393	1827		554	167	1161	13
Blue-winged Teal								2													1						1				
Northern Shoveler			51	19	2		7				21		111		51				63												
Northern Pintail	1	2	7				1	7	2				81						9												
Green-winged Teal		4	1	cw	3		3	4			1		258						9												
Canvasback			8				26265						97								7	58									
Redhead			7	12	1	319	220	3		9			7																	cw	
Ring-necked Duck	8	10	142	13				31			2		144	1	5						3	1	2							1	
Greater Scaup				283	2	759				180			1								11									92	
Lesser Scaup	14		8	7		5	2330	268					25	1							10	8	5	1	1				5	2	
Scaup sp.				272		412																								193	
Surf Scoter																					1										
Black Scoter						1																									
Surf/Black Scoter																														2	
Long-tailed Duck										1																					
Bufflehead			7	101	16	5	350	89		5	3		119						1	4	5	6	6							24	4
Common Goldeneye	10	17	22	213	4	72	4881	331	2	240	153		121	37	30	1	16		28	10	249	64	53	7	48	291		37	90	73	
Hooded Merganser	1	17	2	157	13	1	3	5	1	12	44		46	7	76				40	4	71	15				1			1	9	1
Common Merganser	32	8	14	383		92	130	31		11	157		9	198	88		79		199	9	589	27	3	1	8	26		120	2	284	
Red-breasted Merganser			cw	320	17	1422	2	3		703			4						20		8								1	597	
Ruddy Duck			8	6	1	1	4	10		2	3		363		2				8	4	7	1	5	2						1	
Northern Bobwhite	6							1																							
Ring-necked Pheasant	13		3				15	1			4		2		1	9	1	4		2	12	7	1		15		3		6		
Wild Turkey	3		2				22	5	25		4	17	60	17			24		1	89	63	3	2	117	118	13	23				82
Red-throated Loon																														2	
Common Loon																														1	
Pied-billed Grebe		5		3		1		2					2						2		2										
Horned Grebe					1																2										
Double-crested Cormorant				23	1		1	7	1		1				5						3										
American White Pelican							4	55					4								2	1						8	1		
Great Blue Heron		22	9	7	5		3	28	2	19	32	2	3		16	8	1	2	35	13	8	6	8		5	5		5		4	1
Great Egret											1				1																
Black-crowned Night-Heron					1																1										
Golden Eagle							1																								
Northern Harrier	2	1	2	1			17		2		19	1	5	2		1	4	1	3	2	17	3	1		19	2	2	1	3	4	1
Sharp-shinned Hawk	1	cw	1				1	2	1	1	1		1		1	2	1	1	4	1	2	2	1	1	3			1		1	1
Cooper's Hawk	4	11	9	11	11	2	2	5	5	9	21	5	3		3	7	9	1	17	7	6	5	2	6	15	7	1	4	3	6	
Bald Eagle	169	4	9	7	1		60	92	3	5	12	42	34	16	7	13	48	8	9	13	25	69	83	16	70	8	40	40	7	9	35
Red-shouldered Hawk	1	1		2	1			3					1				1	31	1			1		1	2	1		22		cw	
Red-tailed Hawk	36	54	45	34	26	3	45	59	36	32	92	24	27	16	10	42	58		125	53	47	73	54	27	81	52	27		8	41	55
Rough-legged Hawk	6	1		2			9	1				3	4			1	1				11	5	1		6	2	7			2	10
Virginia Rail											1																				
Sora													1																		
American Coot				37	35	5				1	1		136	3					2		34			1						8	
Sandhill Crane		721			125		284	10		13	98		2			6	5		23	234	12			cw	486			2			
Killdeer					2			2								cw			2			2									
Wilson's Snipe			1						1		2		2													1					
Franklin's Gull																														1	
Ring-billed Gull	110	277	4	236	159	252	111	6113		153	99		68	184	137	4	10		77	110	2200	194	28	3	70	306		528	69	252	16
Herring Gull	23	13		378	26	471	8	437		297	62		5	48	4	2	163		83	93	922	6	3	94	9	410		631	50	934	14
Thayer's Gull				1						1							cw							1						4	
Iceland Gull						4															4										
Lesser Black-backed Gull								2		1			1								4							4		2	
Great Black-backed Gull				3		3															1									1	
gull sp.		102	1	91	1												3		7					42						18	2
Rock Pigeon	34	77	295	675	1067	9	163	551	225	253	432	450	31	48	105	294	404	155	372	271	33	68	314	350	964	175	99	553	234	141	276
Eurasian Collared-Dove			17		11				12			15	15	1	5	3	44	6			1		1	1			8	6	13		1
Mourning Dove	37	132	519	246	270		142	190	287	305	763	212	2	283	206	434	275	133	711	338	160	256	194	298	877	411	201	70	1	316	291
Barn Owl																1															
Eastern Screech-Owl	1	2	1	2	2		16	3	2	8	1					6	5	5	21	5	1	6	6	3	4	5			9	21	5
Great Horned Owl	6	6	3	2	12		15	16	14	11	13	cw	5	2	1	5	10	1	23	7	1	11	8	6	22	11		1	3	14	2
Snowy Owl							1																								
Barred Owl	10		6	1			7	29	5			6	5	3			7	5	3	1	4	30	6	4	13			3	1		4

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Long-eared Owl			cw										1								4	1			cw					9	
Short-eared Owl		3					2				1		2			1	1				10	1			7					cw	
Northern Saw-whet Owl	5		cw	1				1			3		1				1	4	8					1	1	1				3	2
Belted Kingfisher	6	9	7	15	2		4	7	6	9	28	2	6	1	5	6	12	4	25	7	7	5	6	3	15	10		3	1	7	2
Red-headed Woodpecker	1	2		20			3	9					7			4	5	2	2		1	8	7		38			3	1		12
Red-bellied Woodpecker	40	66	58	53	69	1	74	108	76	125	211	53	72	23	21	72	150	42	183	87	13	60	60	61	213	104	31	26	6	59	75
Yellow-bellied Sapsucker	5						5	3		1			2	1		1			1		2		2		2	1			1		
Downy Woodpecker	77	92	96	156	140	13	96	193	127	232	272	31	68	32	48	82	200	71	266	107	28	66	76	99	316	146	49	44	21	147	87
Hairy Woodpecker	20	13	16	13	35		28	34	22	122	85	5	33	1	3	19	55	30	63	37	6	26	16	17	60	33	10	8	3	31	28
Northern Flicker	9	6	3	8	2		11	21	2	1	23	6	20	3	2	10	28	4	6	4	10	11	10	9	26	1	1	3		10	5
Pileated Woodpecker	4		1				3	10		1	2	1	9	1		1	16	3	12	2	3	9	12	4	15		6	10	1		12
American Kestrel	6	2	13	15	8	1	19	20	23	2	13	16	8	7	7	19	11	15	12	9	7	31	41	5	32	5	7	16	8	11	16
Merlin				1	1					1						1	1		1			1			3	2					
Peregrine Falcon				1	3	1		2			2					1	1		1			1				1				1	
Eastern Phoebe																1															
Northern Shrike		1	1							cw	4	1					1		2		8				3	1			2	
Blue Jay	59	38	40	143	47		250	155	102	38	138	145	59	30	32	91	198	109	154	68	14	143	96	108	326	83	96	38	22	40	97
American Crow	65	143	175	51	37	40	216	100	112	97	194	196	129	43	64	158	531	118	101	304	42	203	50	290	434	122	364	468	78	112	625
Horned Lark	30	3					318	2	3		25	44	4	171		18	74	44			38	14	45	3	138	216	252	107	58	3	14
Black-capped Chickadee	97	215	187	130	111	31	178	508	270	378	663	62	94	49	50	107	432	94	549	306	39	176	125	290	485	269	97	63	29	308	215
Tufted Titmouse	13		11	20			40	83	34	1		6	32	17		43	32	10	15	6	5	38	28	13	16	1	21	17	2	2	17
Red-breasted Nuthatch	3	9	9	2	4		12	9	16	31	40	6	7		7	7	46	27	14	46	3	6	6	23	44	16	3	1	1	6	18
White-breasted Nuthatch	52	56	104	77	70	1	120	266	133	167	282	54	80	33	22	89	335	62	313	157	24	82	70	121	331	103	31	39	14	80	95
Brown Creeper	13	7	11	3	7	1	11	22	11	27	36		11	8	3	18	21	6	18	10	14	9	9	5	27	17	1	10	10	8	6
House Wren													1																		
Winter Wren		1	4		5			8	1	4	18		3		1	4	7	1	7	1	1	1	1		11	11		2		4	
Marsh Wren							1																								
Carolina Wren	11	3	13	12	4		21	56	3	4	12	1	19	6	4	28	19	7	42		6	9	7	2	4	12	3	13		7	5
Golden-crowned Kinglet	3		2		14	3	6	2		17	7		1	3	2	4	3		7		3	3	3			1	1		3	12	
Ruby-crowned Kinglet		3			2		1		1	1					1	1			1												
Eastern Bluebird	14	3	7				10	22			18	13	23	15	2	13	85	16	42	47	18	18	3	4	58	22	18	30		13	17
Hermit Thrush	4	4		1			6	4		4	9		4			8	6		2	4	2		2		1	9			2	3	2
American Robin	58	233	132	70	267	20		127	13	279	1097	52	94	145	61	468	209	20	2349	314	657	23	2	102	45	833		192	151	534	149
Gray Catbird			1										1																		
Brown Thrasher																1														cw	
Northern Mockingbird				1																	1										
European Starling	659	1041	1611	926	756	129	327	11988	645	497	2972	2102	423	4024	226	3015	3912	705	3394	991	979	2943	2462	728	2703	3080	197	2533	1118	1023	1293
American Pipit																														7	
Cedar Waxwing	20	94			10		7	21	12	105	380		21	23		19	23	48	170	99	20	28		128	80	89	23		1	163	43
Lapland Longspur	40		95				11	9	26		1		52	2		142	110	2	1		34		53	cw	600	23		314	3	21	141
Snow Bunting	2						3		4			1	6			1					37		1	cw	2		2		1	cw	
Nashville Warbler					1																										
Common Yellowthroat										1																					
Pine Warbler										1																					
Yellow-rumped Warbler		8	1		2			1	2	11	29						3		26	1			1		13	4	1			1	2
American Tree Sparrow	322	166	135	324	7	14	797	277	230	98	389	292	190	179	76	226	412	163	182	225	438	371	463	414	1947	422	325	107	179	527	153
Chipping Sparrow																											2				
Field Sparrow																1													1		
Fox Sparrow	1	4	1	4	4			5	2	1	13		4	3		3	5		10	3	1			5	5	2				3	1
Dark-eyed Junco	570	410	301	327	356	21	615	752	450	622	728	559	85	404	123	481	563	240	688	444	266	345	407	715	884	701	1908	331	82	378	336
White-crowned Sparrow	5	34	9	9	1	1	2	6	3		7	5	11	3		37	7		1	3	39	1	1	5	6	13	3		1	8	
White-throated Sparrow	49	25	12	5	17	2	42	56	8	16	72	1	87	8	10	39	26	10	60	21	3	19	10	56	27	39	8	72			25
Savannah Sparrow											3					1		3	2							6				9	
Song Sparrow	25	15	8	58	5	1	46	109	47	32	74	3	27	14	32	27	75	19	60	36	14	25	12	28	95	68	2	14	6	30	2
Swamp Sparrow	10	4	1	29	7	7	8	62	17	13	28			8		6	15	6	8	1	18		15	2	20	15		13	4	22	
Spotted Towhee			cw																												
Eastern Towhee								1												1						1				1	
Northern Cardinal	226	161	139	116	168	42	254	314	257	345	536	94	131	91	99	187	406	111	400	178	51	222	142	191	496	294	168	102	70	221	185
Red-winged Blackbird	12	75	42	19			11	30047		2	14		450	3238		43	8	52	8	6	124	16	9		269	171	cw	1632	3	272	
Eastern Meadowlark						1													1		5										
Western/Eastern Meadowlark																	1								2		6				
Rusty Blackbird								41			20			2					1		1				5						15
Brewer's Blackbird								4									1														
Common Grackle	1	16		4			2	8624	1	2	1			3746	21	2		4			121	1			1	55		10400		5	5
Brown-headed Cowbird	5	5	10	4	cw			768	36				35	902	2	692		4	4		16	132	3		4	492		855	2	1	
Baltimore Oriole								1																							
House Finch	193	114	133	132	65	6	20	209	413	131	464	108	68	95	88	207	160	90	273	300	137	67	47	270	429	332	145	80	40		41
Purple Finch	25		3		8		4	14	2				11			10	1	40	2	6		3	10	7	6	4	2		2		9
Red Crossbill								2									14			9				4	1						
White-winged Crossbill																	cw		2	2				2	5					2	
Common Redpoll	1		cw	46	5			6		67			1						1	1				19	2					4	13
Hoary Redpoll										cw																					
Pine Siskin	57	47	36	6	2		1	33	49	49	327	14	22			9	145	2	158	42	66	14		22	127	22	18	27	6	40	4
American Goldfinch	108	142	78	153	168	10	51	137	140	359	419	78	48	17	60	64	207	67	428	255	29	89	37	169	466	202	191	53	4	207	38
European Goldfinch																														98	
Evening Grosbeak							4																								
House Sparrow	939	289	151	693	1011	66	379	1703	752	1265	994	1100	361	199	298	714	938	713	1223	536	204	731	924	346	971	1049	461	342	231	342	534
Eurasian Tree Sparrow	1127		6				58	609	2			16	8					26	1			248	228				41	2	233		15
TOTAL SPECIES	74	66	78	74	70	44	85	97	60	70	81	44	98	60	52	74	73	56	75	69	97	74	69	68	79	69	48	58	59	94	60

Table 3. Central Illinois data for the 2020/2021 Christmas Bird Count (between I-80 and I-70)

Species	ALPK	BABL	BLOM	BUSH	CHAM	CHAU	CLLK	COCU	CRSA	DECA	EKNX	EMER	MERE	MFRV	MOCO	PEOR	QUIN	RUSH	SCLK	SPFD	WMER
Greater White-fronted Goose		115			60	3475	31		1171	30	426		835	76	240		5750		198	494	5100
Snow Goose			5	1	1	1442		cw	420	60			1230		300	90	625	50	860	951	1
Ross's Goose					1			cw	1				10		4						
Cackling Goose			13							8	65		3	4	3		2			13	2
Canada Goose	6	1213	2858	346	1216	2649	518	125	550	610	1077	302	201	1325	1124	2205	1449	384	2245	4576	827
Mute Swan			2			16			2		1			2				2		18	
Trumpeter Swan		9				1161		4	83		12		5		5		500				19
Tundra Swan		7												14						cw	
Wood Duck									1		2		3		1					2	
Gadwall		50	7		4	36	61	2	75		1		28	6	25	4	45		60	27	6
American Wigeon						1	1		7	4					1		cw			6	
American Black Duck			2				19		6				2	43						2	
Mallard	4	815	494		196	1912	2544	42	5635	83	2	12	702	218	284	788	160	18	269	1210	120
Northern Shoveler			15		4				49				45			86	cw			5	
Northern Pintail		37				5	2		152				1							12	
Green-winged Teal					1				20				48		2	4	10				
Canvasback		9				1			107				6			150	1			5	60
Redhead			3		2				45				2		2	1				1	
Ring-necked Duck			14			1	1		950	1			8	1	9		13			8	
Greater Scaup							12													5	
Lesser Scaup		29	17				8	1	124	4			39	2	12	500	11			27	
Surf Scoter																				1	
Long-tailed Duck																	cw			1	
Bufflehead		7				2	8	cw	9	4	1		33	3		17				15	22
Common Goldeneye		173	5		3	2	225		8	417	40		8	65	2	301	1			660	
Hooded Merganser		8	10			1	407	3	28	12			2	48		16	2			81	
Common Merganser	1	11	5			3	53	1	18	7			16	10		9				123	
Red-breasted Merganser			5				1		5											3	
Ruddy Duck		1	5			16	9	2	34	10			19	18	17	405	cw		6	650	
Northern Bobwhite								2			8	5	62		4			12			18
Ring-necked Pheasant		2			3		4	10		1	1	6	1	1					1		
Wild Turkey		6	1		6	13	30	15			3	36		1	18			1			25
Common Loon																	cw				
Pied-billed Grebe			1		1		35	12		1	1		1	7			1			8	
Horned Grebe							1														
Double-crested Cormorant						3	2													1	
American White Pelican						1	90			38			18				1			8	120
Great Blue Heron	1	5	9	2	12	16	25	14	13	3	6	2	13	6	16	5	15	1	8	36	1
Black-crowned Night-Heron																				cw	
Turkey Vulture							19	36						3				12	8	1	
Northern Harrier	3	4	2		4	6	3	3	6		8		18	2	1		1	6	2		1
Sharp-shinned Hawk	1	2			3	1	1									1	1			1	
Cooper's Hawk	2		3	2	10	1	3	6	1	8	6	1	2	6	3	5	2	1	4	4	4
Northern Goshawk		1																			
Bald Eagle	4	56	10	2	7	217	16	11	54	7	18	23	60	8	11	13	24	16	8	12	108
Red-shouldered Hawk	5		2		3		1	19	2		8		1	27	1		1		6		1
Red-tailed Hawk	9	37	51	19	53	31	19	24	23	15	51	35	37	38	60	37	19	43	24	28	25
Rough-legged Hawk	2	10	2	1	2	3		1	2		8	5	1	1	1			2	4		4
American Coot			2			18	2		81	1			11		2					23	
Sandhill Crane														2							
Killdeer			2		cw	4	5	1					8			7	3				1
Least Sandpiper																	1				
Wilson's Snipe		1				11			18				3		1						
Bonaparte's Gull							20			226									21		
Ring-billed Gull		28	65			43	1517	1	40	1649	11		100	116	3	2726	180		1432	3000	96
California Gull																				1	
Herring Gull		10	1				23	1	5	147			5	12		46			7	300	30
Thayer's Gull																				1	
Lesser Black-backed Gull																				4	
Rock Pigeon	40	103	108	53	284	15	3	136	66	66	58	65	103	196	16	331	221	24	24	210	49
Eurasian Collared-Dove	2	48	1	5	7	4	26	1	2		10	29	5		36	2			1	4	1
Mourning Dove	106	153	325	122	225	315	155	113	43	37	88	284	113	1259	154	119	101	70	86	293	36
Eastern Screech-Owl		17	3				2				4	15	8		6		1		2	3	7
Great Horned Owl	2	17	3		5	2	3	cw			1	20	3	4	11	2	cw		1	2	8
Snowy Owl					cw																
Barred Owl	4	18	5	1	2	2	6	4	11	1	22	21	5	4	3	3	1	1	4	4	5
Long-eared Owl		1					1				1	2		3							1
Short-eared Owl	cw					2			1		1	1	1						2		1
Northern Saw-whet Owl		9			1									1					1		3
Belted Kingfisher	cw	5	14		7	3	6	6	4	1	1	1	3	12	11	8	1	3	2	6	2
Red-headed Woodpecker	84	13	15	4		4	8	38	43	6	31	18	16	19	26	10	3	17	1	10	3
Red-bellied Woodpecker	62	72	72	31	94	51	51	57	59	26	52	65	56	83	62	72	34	34	53	70	42

Table 3 *continued*. Central Illinois data for the 2020/2021 Christmas Bird Count (between I-80 and I-70)

Species	ALPK	BABL	BLOM	BUSH	CHAM	CHAU	CLLK	COCU	CRSA	DECA	EKNX	EMER	MERE	MFRV	MOCO	PEOR	QUIN	RUSH	SCLK	SPFD	WMER
Yellow-bellied Sapsucker	1		4				1	cw	1			1	9		5		cw	3	1	1	
Downy Woodpecker	62	46	88	43	99	48	51	55	29	36	40	66	73	69	53	61	48	24	15	63	39
Hairy Woodpecker	11	23	9	3	12	5	15	12	6	5	14	18	5	10	12	12	9	3	3	13	8
Northern Flicker	20	10	15	6	28	11	18	17	23	13	11	11	29	18	31	17	21	10	26	23	7
Pileated Woodpecker	24	6	1	1	11	11	2	8	11	8	8	1	12	20	3	9	7		2	1	4
American Kestrel	7	30	20	20	35	9	7	19	24	6	13	13	23	24	43	9	20	45	50	19	36
Merlin			2				1	1	1					1	1		1			2	
Peregrine Falcon					cw											cw	1			1	
Eastern Phoebe	1																				
Loggerhead Shrike											1										
Northern Shrike											1		1	2							
Blue Jay	75	183	115	44	199	135	165	150	90	66	142	162	132	196	217	149	48	109	143	119	57
American Crow	95	330	1176	79	652	55	172	304	31	373	875	116	73	41304	71	129	25	149	280	352	45
Fish Crow			1																		
Horned Lark	7	9		24	3	43	75	78	30		56	197	32	723	17		13		25	142	41
Carolina Chickadee					84			107		2				115							
Black-capped Chickadee	83	175	132	21	2	95	92		45	44	71	85	104		75	206	56	29	28	99	67
Tufted Titmouse	127	95	50	13	125	60	58	75	55	67	46	9	60	143	59	59	34	19	38	68	14
Red-breasted Nuthatch	6	79	13		13	7	23	9	4	10	7	6	4	1	3	2	4	1	1	7	2
White-breasted Nuthatch	54	116	97	20	97	45	57	62	19	35	64	45	38	82	65	114	38	25	16	48	24
Brown Creeper	22	18	14	1	13	5	13	3	11	3	2	2	13	5	4	4	1		5	4	6
House Wren										7											
Winter Wren	3	2	2		1		1				1	1		2	1	1	2		1	1	2
Marsh Wren					1																
Carolina Wren	38	19	21	5	62	19	41	46	29	18	16	6	43	38	47	19	19	4	37	43	9
Golden-crowned Kinglet		43	9	1	1	32	8	3	5		5	2	25	5	17	3	3			7	3
Ruby-crowned Kinglet			2				4						6		1		1		1	1	
Eastern Bluebird	15	30	31	2	65	3	16	25	10	5	9	9	50	56	44	24	11	13	17	15	7
Mountain Bluebird							1														
Hermit Thrush	3	12	3		7	2	2	4	1	1	1		14	7	7	2			5	cw	
American Robin	34	55	1216	149	395	1516	983	143	1031	10	33	26	3726	1133	178	820	370	318	170	266	37
Brown Thrasher															3				1		
Northern Mockingbird		1				2	3	1	4		1		2					1	1		
European Starling	357	1156	1112	693	2288	2378	848	1640	802	445	2014	333	1078	1709	726	1770	749	202	655	2643	948
American Pipit							9							20							
Cedar Waxwing		83	20	7	42		93	1	23		35	32	337	95	37	23	71	27	25	8	2
Lapland Longspur	47	3		60	20	120	57	12			1	26	5	318	298				2	95	2
Snow Bunting					cw							66		1						1	
Ovenbird					1																
Pine Warbler																				1	
Yellow-rumped Warbler						1	1							3	1						1
American Tree Sparrow	94	285	64	33	131	125	209	55	134	12	144	131	283	435	82	79	77	20	17	123	181
Chipping Sparrow	1		1		2																
Field Sparrow			1			4			1	1				7	2				1		
Fox Sparrow	4				6		4	6	2			2	9		2	3	2		3	4	1
Dark-eyed Junco	116	243	205	177	364	213	306	184	96	69	325	348	314	337	298	281	166	96	50	341	157
White-crowned Sparrow		2	7		32	21	1	13	8	7	1	12	71	8	9	8	7	4	1	5	14
White-throated Sparrow	32	63	124	27	63	8	157	54	94	5	62	36	231	85	138	106	73	15	138	70	25
Savannah Sparrow		1					6						3		2		2		1		
Song Sparrow	4	22	13	14	95	9	63	30	39	1	16	29	142	41	87	31	22	3	18	20	39
Lincoln's Sparrow															1						
Swamp Sparrow	2	3			10		22	1	29		4	2	26	5	27	3	6		1		13
Spotted Towhee			1																		
Eastern Towhee	4				1			cw					2		3	2			2		
Northern Cardinal	83	154	144	103	209	77	149	83	119	56	85	122	161	136	187	162	115	100	111	257	104
Indigo Bunting					1																
Dickcissel					cw																
Red-winged Blackbird		9	36			834	5	16	27		4	72	24	12	601	20			13	153	115
Western Meadowlark		?																			
Eastern Meadowlark	2	1					2	18	2			3	33	7	31		6		8		2
Rusty Blackbird		1				1												750			20
Common Grackle	4											9	9	444	350	14	5		1	58	14
Brown-headed Cowbird		30			25	800	21	1	15		48	18	43	8	22	1		1500	6	15	1
House Finch	18	45	146	6	233	72	37	64		62	93	50	5	187	91	106	201	17	13	171	19
Purple Finch	1	67	3	17		2	14	3	3	6	14	8	21	5	11	1	5	1	13		17
Red Crossbill		35				3	4												1		
White-winged Crossbill		20														cw					
Common Redpoll			13				4														
Pine Siskin	30	2	29		15		200	3		21	61	6	2	8		2	5			20	2
American Goldfinch	40	66	46	49	177	30	74	90	96	36	31	36	47	60	142	36	55	56	15	109	52
House Sparrow	197	345	184	342	740	105	250	168	150	162	513	925	171	611	212	484	291	67	201	265	377
Eurasian Tree Sparrow	1	335		22		110	1		73		69	356	117		116	21	74	8	8	20	299
TOTAL SPECIES	60	81	78	42	71	77	94	75	82	61	73	62	93	83	86	68	73	53	75	91	75

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Species	BALK	BIRD	CALK	COLL	CROR	CYCR	ELSA	HSLK	JACK	MMWR	MNCO	MRLK	NEWT	RDLK	SHEL	UNION	WRBV
Greater White-fronted Goose		1	178	26	835	1163		1400	2	2309				910	351	3750	
Snow Goose	14864	125	28995	995	553	2190	2390	11000	627	280			58	25000	3940	15000	
Ross's Goose	15	1	21	1		1	11	8	1					13	1	15	
Cackling Goose			cw					1									
Canada Goose	275	139	218	475	310	146	175	250	783	55	73	26	139	49	387	125	40
Mute Swan			5	6					2		2						
Trumpeter Swan			6					15	2							140	
Tundra Swan																26	
Wood Duck	3	1	cw		3	5		10	15	1		1	4	1		23	2
Gadwall	44	2	16	546	267	168	370	138	19			858	15	460	40	550	
American Wigeon			1		13	3	1	3				1		70	1	50	
American Black Duck			3		15	2	1							6	3	1	
Mallard	289	266	495	331	275	4186	463	3000	158	26	270	847	51	2124	1418	1775	8
Blue-winged Teal						4											
Northern Shoveler	35	22	353	49	119	61	85	19	2		250	4	2	71	1	110	
Northern Pintail			2		16	1719	60	18				108		60	675	15	
Green-winged Teal			1	57	2	234		1	1			4		400	15	6	
Canvasback			1371					50	1					40	13	175	
Redhead			4									6		52	4	2	
Ring-necked Duck	5	5	19	24	60	2490	3	670	1			18		451		560	
Greater Scaup			7											2			
Lesser Scaup		33	2353	18		2		60	86			12	cw	119	146	81	3
Long-tailed Duck		1															
Bufflehead	11	29	82	4	36	2	7	4	18			15	2	71	14	5	
Common Goldeneye	10		932	9	14		3	4	10				18	37	1444		
Hooded Merganser	35	135	56	22	153	59	4	38	42			23	46	45	13	89	2
Common Merganser		1	25		17									2	64		
Red-breasted Merganser			1		2									18	2		
Ruddy Duck	1	76	360	75	209	16			317			354	1	1420	50	345	
Northern Bobwhite		21											8				
Ring-necked Pheasant														8	8		
Greater Prairie-Chicken													59				
Wild Turkey	14	24	10		13	2			22	22	14	7		32			23
Red-throated Loon														1			
Common Loon	1	2	1		5									3			
Pied-billed Grebe	14	65	4	5	35	6		2	29			15	30	35	7	2	1
Horned Grebe	4			1	3								cw	4			
Double-crested Cormorant		1	13	2	19									51			
American White Pelican	522		83	74	55		7				17			393	235		
Great Blue Heron	11	9	148	15	36	15	13	48	52	31	4	26	5	49	38	31	2
Great Egret					7			1									
Black Vulture					27	21		31	126	72		67	4			121	23
Turkey Vulture	5	2	15	1	69	85	6	192	77	77	6	3	48	cw		114	101
Northern Harrier	1	7	7			10	4		4	11	2	2	31	5	4	12	13
Sharp-shinned Hawk				2	2	2	1		1			2	1	3		3	
Cooper's Hawk	4	6	1	6	1	1	4	3	2			1	3	12	1	1	2
Northern Goshawk										1							
Bald Eagle	18	4	48	8	6	16	20	54	13	41	5	3	4	9	15	40	9
Red-shouldered Hawk	9	6	22	12	34	37	2	49	50	18	4	31	5	24	14	45	39
Red-tailed Hawk	29	22	46	16	33	45	22	39	42	34	28	35	10	42	17	60	24
Rough-legged Hawk					1					1			3	2			
American Coot	105	54	24	8	244	2			75			248		84		4	
Sandhill Crane							2					38					2
Killdeer	4	4	37		65	40	3	129	27	2		15	20	27	34	95	5
Least Sandpiper								2									
Wilson's Snipe					3	1	1	1								10	
American Woodcock					6							7				1	
Bonaparte's Gull	3		2191	1	155								95	380	346		
Ring-billed Gull	194	2	33084	3510	874	64	77	44	733	11		37	46	7143	3197	90	
Herring Gull	1	cw	108	12	8				2			3		94	19		10
Thayer's Gull														1			
Lesser Black-backed Gull				3											4		
Glaucous Gull															1		
gull sp.				200													
Forster's Tern														4			
Rock Pigeon		4	54	143	16	12	200	17	247	28	36	30		34	131	24	34
Eurasian Collared-Dove	1		8	2		5	7	2		5		5	4	14	6	15	
Mourning Dove	45	237	169	78	94	145	69	259	361	443	74	246	23	154	140	187	96
Barn Owl																	1
Eastern Screech-Owl	1	1	2		1		1	3	3	4		3	2	6	1	8	
Great Horned Owl	2		5	1	7	2	2	2	5	5		4		8	5	1	
Barred Owl	3	6	9		8	9	3	5	10	2	3	12		4	12	6	3
Short-eared Owl		1	2					3	6				6	1	3		
Rufous Hummingbird					1												
Belted Kingfisher	2	2	4	4	3	3	6	9	15	2	2	4		7	7	4	3

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Species	BALK	BIRD	CALK	COLL	CROR	CYCR	ELSA	HSLK	JACK	MMWR	MNCO	MRLK	NEWT	RDLK	SHEL	UNION	WRBV
Red-headed Woodpecker	11		28	10	12	23	41	25	93	7	2	21	4	22	11	141	4
Red-bellied Woodpecker	60	32	87	47	82	84	70	205	189	105	34	49	10	72	69	245	74
Yellow-bellied Sapsucker	7	2	9	1	11	4	3	48	30	11	1	5		8	2	53	4
Downy Woodpecker	29	27	64	28	23	41	55	122	66	60	25	27	7	69	47	115	37
Hairy Woodpecker	10	5	11	2	6	9	8	15	32	25		7	3	15	12	22	10
Northern Flicker	29	15	44	13	25	77	31	118	140	112	24	63	31	64	30	141	60
Pileated Woodpecker	8	4	4	2	29	21	15	49	37	23	1	8	2	2	5	80	17
American Kestrel	39	34	35	16	18	32	15	34	25	28	15	49	19	32	13	47	35
Merlin					1	1		1		1							
Peregrine Falcon											2						
Eastern Phoebe	1	cw	cw	1	4	5		16	5	3	8	5		1	1	9	6
Blue Jay	148	87	213	61	277	198	116	182	524	202	35	149	23	338	242	381	236
American Crow	159	43	429	79	133	1011	244	2500	124	253	38	227	36	258	153	848	817
Fish Crow						2		1									
Horned Lark	6	34	89	10		9	100	32	7	22	1	1	8	2	48	73	
Carolina Chickadee	67	63	128	78	117	81	2	299	250	127	63	62	19	143		220	61
Black-capped Chickadee				2			68								73		
Tufted Titmouse	55	44	94	32	93	87	63	244	405	105	28	78	14	101	105	209	76
Red-breasted Nuthatch	2	4	3		27		2	21	21	2	2	3		24	3	25	8
White-breasted Nuthatch	20	20	56	10	34	27	38	106	76	39	10	4	7	43	61	140	20
Brown Creeper	4	2	10	7	5	5	4	52	31	4		12	2	19	9	22	
House Wren					1	3					6	1				2	
Winter Wren	4	cw	4		1	2	3	18	6	3		2		10	1	9	3
Marsh Wren	1					1											
Carolina Wren	53	20	70	27	106	41	50	222	168	76	22	92	7	113	52	211	60
Golden-crowned Kinglet	6	3	33	1	82	22	12	73	91	20	1	27	2	56	12	65	39
Ruby-crowned Kinglet	2		1	3	10	3		28	13	4		4		14	1	18	6
Eastern Bluebird	42	24	67	27	126	76	15	227	186	248	21	104	11	109	35	154	136
Hermit Thrush	2	1	8		8	1	1	69	16	17		12		16	4	39	7
American Robin	211	97	175	282	332	588	231	480	273	153	48	630	54	429	103	326	272
Gray Catbird												2					
Brown Thrasher	2	1	1	1	5	1	1	13	10	4		12		6	5	8	1
Northern Mockingbird	8	5	4	16	36	9	5	25	31	20	5	28		13		20	17
European Starling	709	13443	1596	2017	1183	2555	669	3600	4153	1879	186	11617	2323	21255	697	750	2388
American Pipit			1					50	1			1		cw		33	
Cedar Waxwing	33	11	84		131	102		20	22	2				352	30	16	90
Lapland Longspur		520	135				27	1	12	14			32		5		
Snow Bunting									2	2							
Orange-crowned Warbler					1									2			
Common Yellowthroat												1					
Pine Warbler			1					1									
Yellow-rumped Warbler	9	1	1	1	6	26	1	46	12	39		5		4	1	42	28
Le Conte's Sparrow														1			
American Tree Sparrow	28	6	128	19	11	17	15	2	12	16	32	35	30	23	267	20	8
Chipping Sparrow			1			2		4	1	1		1			1		
Field Sparrow		2	19	1	7	72	2	82	47	23	5	215	1	34	11	130	35
Fox Sparrow	14	1	11	3	3	4	27	40	19	26	1	17	1	35	8	34	32
Dark-eyed Junco	98	203	366	172	439	252	116	858	1502	857	143	400	74	299	262	991	706
White-crowned Sparrow	19	3	124	3	4	15	33	11	94	108	11	155	2	94	6	79	40
Harris's Sparrow									1								
White-throated Sparrow	229	46	431	52	165	247	129	1111	1264	421	92	504	17	459	175	1501	207
Savannah Sparrow		2	6		5	3	19	73	72	28		89	4	3	3	12	1
Song Sparrow	20	12	130	27	65	145	62	367	251	123	8	263	6	114	66	547	105
Lincoln's Sparrow								4				3					
Swamp Sparrow	19		46	2	27	60	44	140	55	15	2	85	2	94	18	183	15
Spotted Towhee			2														
Eastern Towhee	2	2	42	6	15	7	2	38	22	11		41	8	85	34	31	27
Northern Cardinal	115	186	280	101	180	220	96	520	798	236	52	447	31	168	363	521	306
Indigo Bunting			2					1									
Red-winged Blackbird	2196	308	60	10306	4300	1710	164	4000	15236	2320	133	8342	3345	18433	2	2500	13659
Western Meadowlark			1									2				2	
Eastern Meadowlark		5	22		15	19		49	57	12	35	165	82	30	1	63	63
Rusty Blackbird		21	2		53	112	24	14	1272	64		554		767		360	3
Brewer's Blackbird								2	3					8	1		
Common Grackle	121	922	cw	156	5072	25284	41	1600	7617	783	225	25059	1021	21470		1000	8044
Brown-headed Cowbird	62	4150	88	60	49		3	160	1716	150	43	22	1040	1840	1	3	
blackbird sp.	2470			5050					11100				8000			525	6561
House Finch	24	37	92	22	43	5	45	30	62	26	10	13		25	54	46	13
Purple Finch	9		26	20	8	1	2	89	9	13		40	4	12	14	69	8
Pine Siskin		3	6	10	31		12	3	9	5		5		36	2	3	209
American Goldfinch	50	52	46	79	85	28	58	328	81	67	5	39	6	206	103	375	61
House Sparrow	56	356	580	94	44	38	229	78	155	33	21	86	69	93	412	504	20
Eurasian Tree Sparrow			1	3			180										
TOTAL SPECIES	82	81	105	81	100	91	82	101	97	57	94	78	68	107	93	96	70

GREAT KISKADEE. Des Plaines C. A., Will Co. Photo by Matt Misewicz.

THE FRONT STREET GREAT KISKADEE

A First State Record for Illinois.

By Steve Huggins and Nathan Goldberg

On 2 December 2020, John Weisburger visited Front Street (near the town of Channahon), a northern access point to the Des Plaines Conservation Area in Will County — with what we presume was a desire to spot a continuing Eurasian Wigeon (Mareca penelope) that had been present since 21 November 2020. Due to an overnight freeze, the majority of waterfowl had moved on and there was no sign of the wigeon or ducks. Dutifully, he submitted his eBird list and continued on with his day.

However, as many quickly noticed thanks to the speed of the internet, John's checklist did contain a photograph of an apparent Great Kiskadee (Pitanga suplhuratus) at the site (eBird 2021)! News spread quickly through eBird rarity alerts as well as through the statewide GroupMe messaging app, and by midafternoon there were fifty plus birders scouring the area for the bird.

Despite searching the immediate location and beyond, the kiskadee could not be relocated. The next morning, 3 December, many birders returned but the results were the same — no sign of the kiskadee.

On Saturday, 5 December, Nathan and I headed out birding. Having perused eBird data and prior Great Kiskadee vagrant records, we discussed how many individuals appear to often linger for weeks to months on end, and can also disappear for hours if not days and then re-appear at the same location. We decided to head to Front Street for our third attempt at relocating the kiskadee, and arrived at the location early that morning.

It was a brisk 30°F, and the marsh remained mostly frozen. The sun was just coming out, and began illuminating the honeysuckle bushes along the north side of the street where the kiskadee had originally been located. I was first out of the car, and decided to see if we could illicit a response from the kiskadee by playing some calls from my speaker. After playing three loud calls, Nathan immediately told me to shut the recording off, as he thought he'd heard something respond. Almost simultaneously, I scanned the top of the honeysuckle and to my surprise, there was the kiskadee no more than 50 yards from us! Perched atop a bush, calling back to us, its yellow, brown, black, and white plumage shining in the early morning sun.

We quickly flagged down three other birders who were down the road, and shaking in excitement, we began making calls to friends and sharing the news more widely. Additional birders quickly arrived on the scene, and within an hour there were likely over 100 people all soaking in views of this truly mind-blowing vagrant.

While the bird cooperated for some both on this Saturday and subsequently, it often would forage along the Des Plaines river during portions of the day — making it nearly impossible to view from available access points along the road. Patience was crucial, and most observers were rewarded with a view of the bird if enough time was committed. Sightings of the kiskadee continued through 13 December, though with the immense amount of fruit in the area and vastness of suitable out-of-view habitat, it very well could have continued longer.

Following both the Eurasian Wigeon and Great Kiskadee, an additional rarity was located here on 12 December — a young male Western Tanager (Piranga ludoviciana) spotted feeding in the nearby honeysuckle by Niklas Klauss and Alex Mortenson — a great example of the infamous, though not scientifically proven, "Patagonia Picnic Table Effect" in action (Laney et al. 2021).

IDENTIFICATION

The Great Kiskadee is a member of the tyrant flycatcher family Tyrannidae, and it is a familiar bird to many throughout much of its range from southern Texas, south through Central America, continuing all the way down to southern Argentina. It is named after its far-reaching three syllable call 'kis-ka-dee'.

It is a striking bird, with a bright lemon yellow breast and belly, a large blocky head striped black and white, and brown back and wings with striking rufous flight feathers and tail. There are not many naturally occurring birds in Illinois that can be confused with this species, making this identification quite straightforward with suitable views.

There are, though, many other species within the Great Kiskadee's natural range south of the US border that superficially look similar to it. However, barring one, all are highly unlikely to reach North America. The smaller and more petite Social Flycatcher (Myiozetetes similis) has indeed made it to the United States, with two records from Southern Texas in 1990 and 2005 (Howell et al. 2014). The overall bulk of the Illinois bird's head, bill shape, and overall size, combined with its diagnostic call, quickly ruled out Social Flycatcher as well as other Great Kiskadee look-alikes.

The Great Kiskadee that reached Illinois was most likely a hatch year bird due to both its noticeable pink gape and yellow crown that could be seen at times in the field and in photos (Pyle 1997).

VAGRANT GREAT KISKADEE RECORDS

Great Kiskadees are relative newcomers to the United States, with the first records north of Mexico appearing in the late 1800s (Woodliffe 2020). Though they remained rare for many years, nowadays they are fairly common residents in the Rio Grande area of southern Texas and can be found as far north as the San Antonio and Houston areas.

The Great Kiskadee that showed up in Will County on 2 December 2020 was the first record for the state of Illinois, though it should be noted that this vagrant record is not totally unexpected.

Great Kiskadees have shown an increasing pattern of vagrancy in recent years, especially in the late fall/winter seasons. These records include many multi-month (and one multi-year) visitors to states that are far from tropical.

Vagrant kiskadee records include birds in neighboring Indiana (December 2018 to January 2019), South Dakota (November 2015 to January 2016), Ontario, Canada (September to December 2018), South Carolina (February 2017 to April 2018), and Kansas (two records: May 1995, September to November 2013) (Woodliffe 2020 and eBird 2021).

With this evidently increasing pattern of fall/winter vagrancy, it would be sensible for neighboring states to add Great Kiskadee to their watchlists of potential new species that could still be added to their state checklists.

SUMMARY

While 2020 was a tumultuous year for most, vagrants including this Great Kiskadee certainly brightened the mood for many birders. With this record, as well as the wigeon and tanager, the Front Street access point of the Des Plaines Conservation Area has earned its rightful place as a newly recognized vagrant trap, and certainly deserves more coverage in years to come. Many thanks to John Weisburger for sharing his sighting of the kiskadee with the birding community. It certainly was the bird of the year for many. ▪

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ACOUSTIC DETECTION OF NOCTURNAL MIGRANT GREAT BLUE HERONS AT CENTRAL ILLINOIS FARMS

By Daniel L. Goldberg and Ashley M. Tauber

Standing tall above all other members of its family (Ardeidae) in North America, the Great Blue Heron (*Ardea herodias*) is a large and widespread wading bird that occurs in a vast variety of marine and freshwater habitats (Vennesland and Butler 2020). Despite past declines of the species due to pollution, pesticide exposure, and plume hunting, as well as the destruction of its favored wetlands, is a common migrant and summer resident in Illinois that has rebounded over the 20th century from its historic statewide population lows during the 1970s (Bohlen 1989). The Great Blue Heron is a top predator in aquatic food webs, due to its voracious and generalist (but primarily piscivorous) diet (Steinmetz et al. 2003), and it is known to forage in pastures and cultivated fields, as well as aquaculture ponds with steady supplies of fish (Feaga et al. 2015). Given the increasing extent of agriculture across the globe, especially in Illinois, it is therefore an encouraging development that farm managers have recently started creating or restoring ponds on their properties as highly productive habitats for a variety of native birds, including herons (Lewis-Phillips et al. 2019; Sebastián-González et al. 2010). These waterbirds will respond positively to the food sources and shelter provided by such ponds, especially during the breeding season if the ponds are in close proximity to wetland habitats (Sebastián-González et al. 2010).

GREAT BLUE HERON. Burnham Prairie N.P., Cook Co. 24 Apr. 2016. Photo by Carl Giometti.

Like many other North American birds, the Great Blue Heron migrates at night and will vocalize during these times, producing either flight or alarm calls during the breeding season (La 2012). However, the frequency of these nocturnal vocalizations is not well understood, although spring migrant herons are known to return to Illinois beginning in early February (Vennesland and Butler 2020) and arriving on average around March in Central Illinois (Bohlen 1989). As direct visual observations of nocturnal migrants such as the Great Blue Heron may be difficult, one solution to identify the movement of these birds through an area is through the deployment of Autonomous Recording Units, or ARUs. These are stationary microphone arrays that can withstand extreme weather and create a permanent record of soundscapes remotely and non-invasively (Shonfield and Bayne 2017). ARUs can be set out in the field to record for long periods of time without interruption, and these devices significantly reduce the costs of repeated in-person surveys at deployment sites (Williams et al. 2018). Unsurprisingly, these devices have been used to successfully detect a variety of waterbirds by sound alone, including two secretive heron species, the American Bittern (*Botaurus lentiginosus*), and the Least Bittern (*Ixobrychus exilis*) in neighboring Missouri (Duke and Ripper 2013).

From April 11 through June 1, 2020, we deployed a dozen Autonomous Recording Units at 12 sites around Lexington and Arrowsmith, Illinois, as part of a larger study of the effects of conspecific attraction versus habitat features on Sora (*Porzana carolina*) settlement during their nocturnal migration. We utilized three privately owned farms – Illinois State's University Farm, the Nature Conservancy's Franklin Farm, and Moga Arrowsmith Farm – and selected ARU deployment sites based on proximity to farm ponds or restored wetland ponds, depending on the location. At four sites within each farm (Figure 1), we placed a Wildlife Acoustics Song Meter 4 ARU mounted on a t-post with U-bolts, and left these SM4s out in the field for 51 days to record the surrounding soundscapes with the goal of detecting Sora calls. Once we retrieved these units, we downloaded sound data as WAV files, used cluster analysis in the program Kaleidoscope Pro V4.5.5 to group sounds into clusters, and then inspected the resulting spectrograms by eye in Raven Pro 64 V1.5 software. Great Blue Herons were observed to have vocalized within earshot of the ARUs, so we used a published guide to identify their call types from spectrograms, and then count the number of herons overheard, as well as the timing of their calls (Pieplow 2017).

We detected Great Blue Herons at four of the 12 sites at which we deployed ARUs, with herons heard vocalizing on multiple days over the course of the spring season at three of these sites (Figure 2). All of these detections were of the "Frawnk" call, a series of rapid squawks that is often made when birds are alarmed, either during the day or at night (Vennesland and Butler 2020). The timing of these calls, made in a period ranging from April 16 at the Franklin Farm replicate ponds to May 31 at the Duley family pond near University Farm, fits the window of spring migration for the species in Illinois (Bohlen 1989). All heron vocalizations were made at night, between 7 PM (well after sunset) and up through 5 AM (an hour before sunrise), which suggests that birds were moving between feeding sites, or perhaps breeding colonies, at night.

Moreover, the University and Franklin Farm properties are close to the Mackinaw River and its associated nature preserves, which have tracts of forest and wetland buffer habitats and low road densities, the ideal conditions in which Great Blue Herons establish breeding colonies (Gibbs and Kinkel 1997). Indeed, surveys made between 2012 and 2014 suggest that herons have active colonies along the Mackinaw River in the northern part of McLean County (Hagy et al. 2014). At colonies elsewhere in Illinois, situated along the Mississippi River, Great Blue Herons are known to feed on a variety of native fishes (Kaufmann and Cawley 1986), at least some of which are stocked in aquaculture ponds. Much like their sister species the Gray Heron (*Ardea cinerea*) in Europe, which benefits from fish stocks at farms that provide suitable habitat (Lewis-Phillips et al. 2019; Sebastián-González et al. 2010), Great Blue Herons in our study area were likely stopping for the night in ponds at the University Farm, Duley property, and Franklin Farm to catch fish, and vocalizing at night during these stopovers. The remaining nocturnal "Frawnk" calls we heard, picked up by the ARU near Country Road 1400 N north of the Moga Arrowsmith farm, may have been uttered by birds traveling to the Sangamon River or Moraine View State Park near Ellsworth, a short distance from the creek that flows through the Moga Arrowsmith Farm. It is also possible that the herons we detected were solitary young individuals of nonbreeding age, which may wander widely during the summer months (Bohlen 1989).

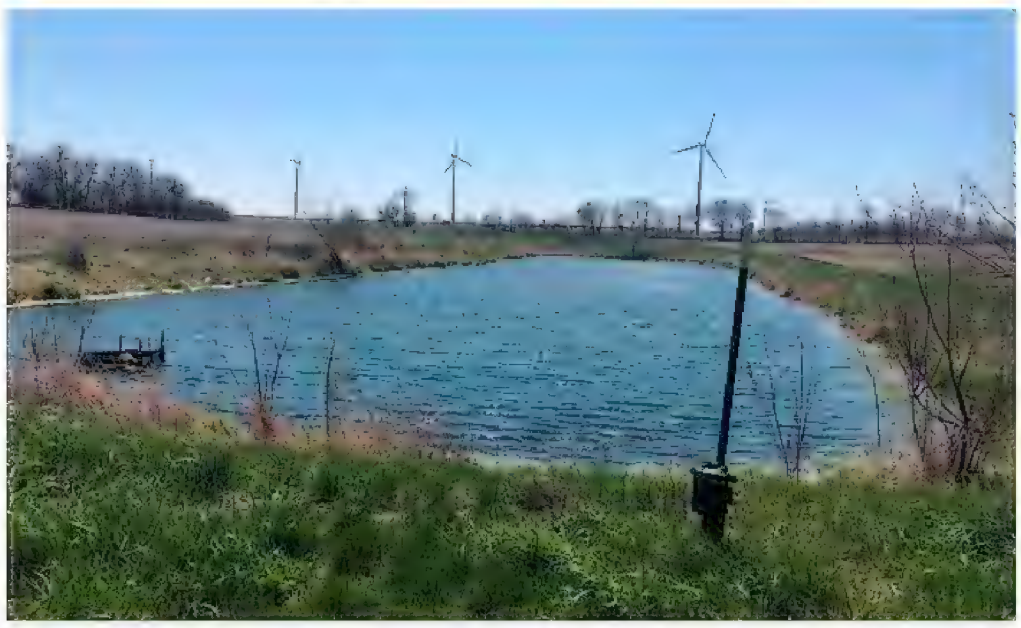

FIGURE 1: Agricultural pond at Moga Arrowsmith Farm close to the creek on the north side of the property, looking south past the deployment spot of a Wildlife Acoustics Song Meter 4 unit. It is over this type of habitat that Great Blue Herons migrate at night. Photo by Daniel Goldberg.

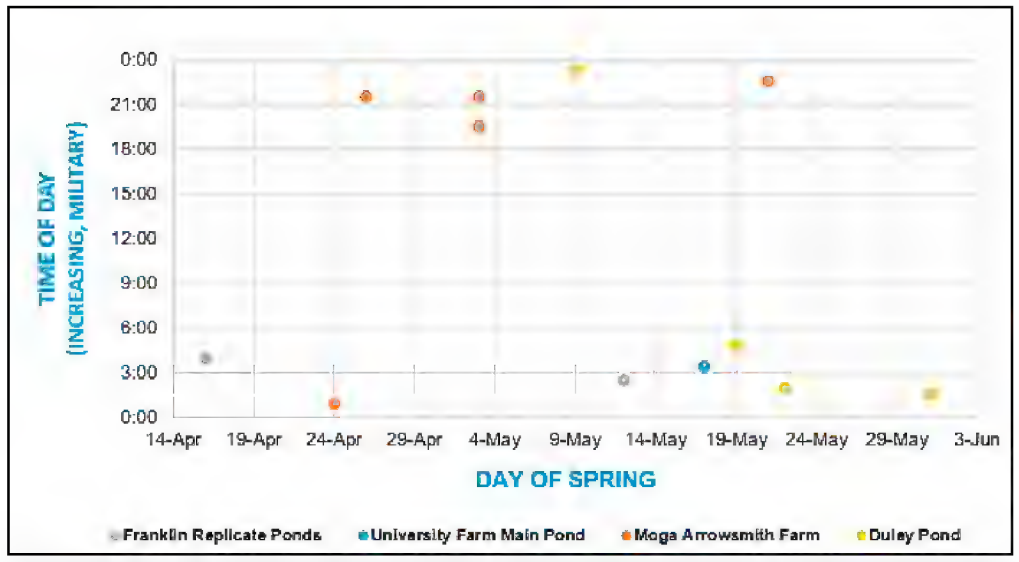

FIGURE 2: Timeline of detections of individual Great Blue Heron "Frawnk" calls recorded by ARUs at three Central Illinois farm sites in spring 2020.

Though Great Blue Herons are currently widespread and abundant in Illinois, no longer a threatened species in the state, their large body size and ranges mean that they require substantial quantities of prey to sustain breeding colonies (Gibbs and Kinkel 1997). Herons are not choosy about fishing from aquaculture ponds (Kaufmann and Cawley 1986), and here we document vocal evidence of nocturnal movement to and from farm ponds in Central Illinois that are close to known heron colonies (Hagy et al. 2014). As Great Blue Herons are not the only ardeids that migrate and vocalize at night (La 2012), and the distinctive calls of these birds makes them quite amenable for detection through ARUs and other remote sensors (Duke and Ripper 2013), we recommend that future heron studies incorporate passive acoustic monitoring to keep track of these birds' population trends. The conspicuous and cacophonous nature of Great Blue Heron breeding colonies, in particular, suggests that ARU deployment nearby may shed light on annual reproduction and dispersal patterns of these charismatic wetland giants.

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PURPLE SANDPIPER. Waukegan Beach, Lake Co. 11 Dec. 2020. Photo by Jeff Bilsky.

PEREGRINE FALCON. Rockford, Winnebago Co. 18 Feb. 2021. Photo by John Longhenry.

"Thayer's" Iceland Gull
Lake Calumet, Cook Co.
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RING-NECKED PHEASANT. Kendall Co. 6 Feb. 2021. Photo by Ryan Jones.

BARRED OWL. Springfield, Sangamon Co. 3 Jan. 2021. Photo by Dennis Oehmke.

SNOWY OWL. Lee Co. 27 Feb. 2021. Photo by Ryan Jones.

MERLIN. Kankakee Co. 6 Jan. 2021. Photo by Gary Sober.

PEREGRINE FALCON. Lake Co. 2 Feb. 2021. Photo by Don Blecha.

REDHEAD. Kankakee River, Will Co. 27 Feb. 2021. Photo by Don Blecha.

WINTER WREN. Steward Park, Kendall Co. 2 Jan. 2021. Photo by Ryan Jones.

HERMIT THRUSH. Des Plaines C.A., Will Co. 3 Feb. 2021. Photo by Jim Lukancic.

NORTHERN SHRIKE. Jazewell Co. 29 Jan. 2021. Photo by Steve Zehner.

GYRFALCON GOING AFTER A RED-BREASTED MERGANSER. Lake Co. 3 Feb. 2021. Photo by Paul Sweet.

ROUGH-LEGGED HAWK. Goose Lake Prairie S.N.A., Grundy Co. 6 Jan. 2021. Photo by Matt Misewicz.

PEREGRINE FALCON AND GYRFALCON. Waukegan Harbor, Lake Co. 2 Feb. 2021. Photo by Bob Andrini.

SHORT-EARED OWL. Bailey Wetlands, Richland Co. 21 Jan. 2021. Photo by Leroy Harrison.

MOUNTAIN BLUEBIRD. DeWitt Co. 29 Dec. 2020. Photo by Ryan Jones.

RUBY-CROWNED KINGLET. Richland Co. 5 Dec. 2020. Photo by Leroy Harrison.

GRASSHOPPER SPARROW. North Point Marina. Lake Co. 20 Dec. 2020. Photo by Heather Mall.

WESTERN MEADOWLARK. Bell Rd., Kendall Co. 2 Feb. 2021. Photo by Ryan Jones.

LINCOLN'S SPARROW. Cook Co. 12 Dec. 2020. Photo by Carl Giometti.

SNOW BUNTING. Springfield, Sangamon Co. 3 Jan. 2021. Photo by Dennis Oehmke.

VESPER SPARROW. Kendall Co. 17 Jan. 2021. Photo by Ryan Jones.

WHITE-WINGED CROSSBILL. Greenwood Cemetery, Winnebago Co. 13 Dec. 2020. Photo by John Longhenry.

WHITE-WINGED CROSSBILL. Lake Bloomington, McLean Co. 9 Dec. 2020. Photo by Benjamin Murphy.

WHITE-WINGED CROSSBILL. East Peoria, Woodford Co. 28 Dec. 2020. Photo by Ted Hartzler.

TOWNSEND'S SOLITAIRE. Hampshire F.P., Kane Co. 4 Dec. 2020. Photo by Brendon Lake.

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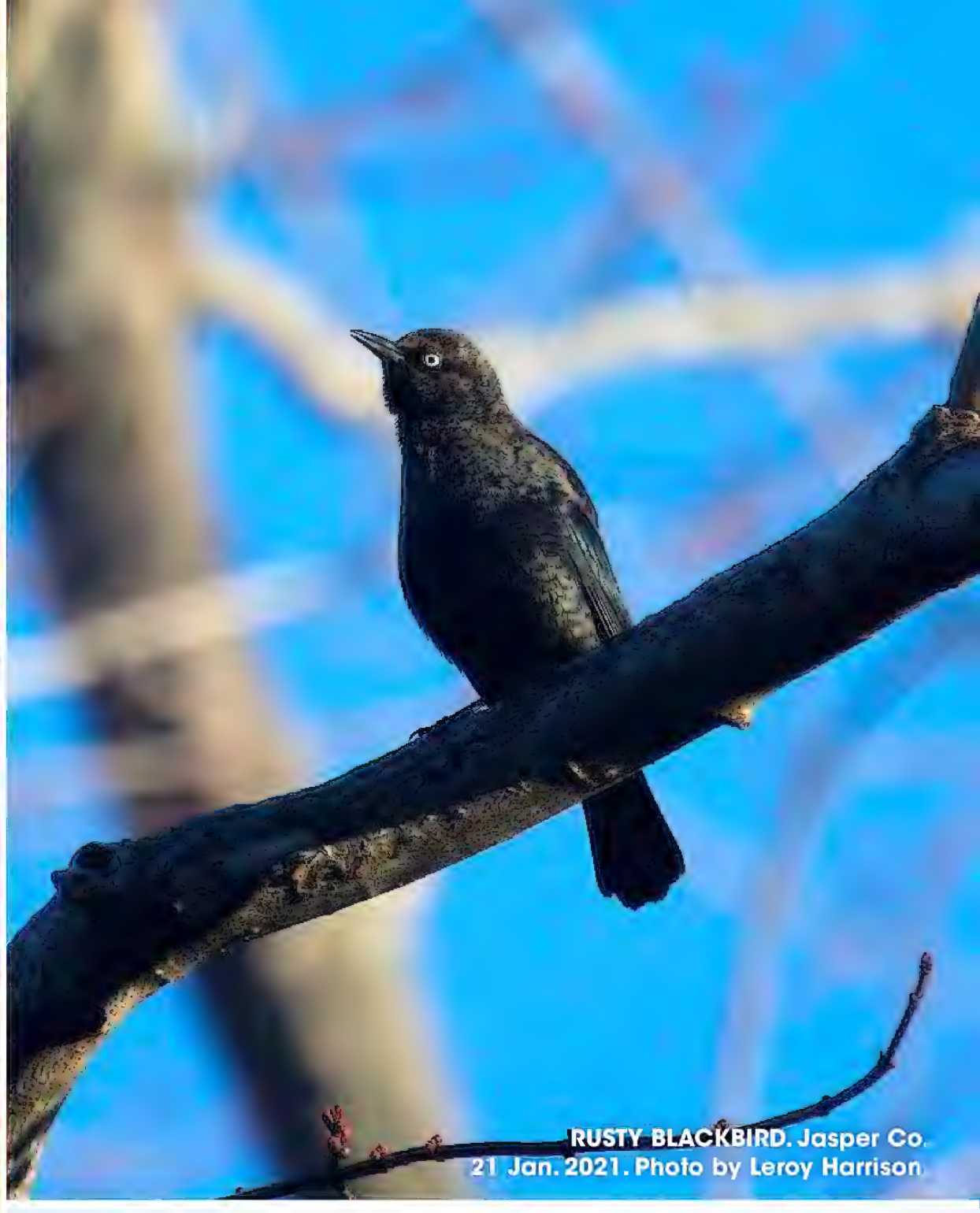
EVENING GROSBEAK. Pike Co. 24 Feb. 2021. Photo by Pete Fenner.



RUSTY BLACKBIRD. Jasper Co. 21 Jan. 2021. Photo by Leroy Harrison

COMMON GRACKLES. LaSalle Co. 6 Jan. 2021. Photo by Tamima Itani

COMMON REDPOLL. Cook Co. 3 Jan. 2021. Photo by Tamima Itani

COMMON REDPOLL. Photo by Gary Soper.

EUROPEAN GOLDFINCH. Armstrong Park, DuPage Co. 1 Jan. 2021. Photo by Heather Mall.

WESTERN TANAGER. Channahon, Will Co. 13 Dec. 2020. Photo by Dan Williams.

KENTUCKY WARBLER. Waukegan, Lake Co. 13 Dec. 2020. Photo by Peter Weber.

COMMON YELLOWTHROAT. Skokie Lagoons, Cook Co. 26 Dec. 2020. Photo by Jeff Bilsky.

FIELD NOTES

The Winter 2020-2021 Season

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BRANT. Melrose Harbor, Cook Co. 4 Jan. 2021. Photo by Susan Szeszol.

INTRODUCTION

The Illinois State Climatologist's Office reported that, statewide, December was much warmer and drier than average. Rockford experienced its tenth warmest December on record, closing out its fourth warmest year overall in 2020. Snowfall was one to ten inches below average, with most of Illinois experiencing less than five inches total for the month (Ford 2021).

January continued the mild December trend with above average temperatures and few extremely cold days. The last week of January produced multiple large winter storms, putting an end to the dry spell. O'Hare Airport recorded 10.8 inches between January 30-31 (Ford 2021).

The large snowfall in end of January was followed by extreme cold in February resulting in long-term snow cover throughout much of the state. In Monmouth, IL, temperatures between Feb. 6 and Feb. 20 were anywhere from 15 to 30 degrees below average. Additional large snowfall events also took place in February including a storm that produced 10 to 20 inches of snow, with Kankakee recording its largest single day snowfall total of 13 inches on February 16 (Ford 2021).

February conditions resulted in difficult birding, especially along country roads with huge snow drifts. Cold temperatures, heavy snow, and a top layer of freezing rain in some areas, pushed many birds to roadsides and the very few areas of exposed land.

RARITIES & SPECIES FOR DOCUMENTATION

The bird of the season was most certainly the first state record Great Kiskadee at the widewaters region of Des Plaines C.A. which also became the site of the season after the Eurasian Wigeon, Great Kiskadee, and Western Tanager. Other documentable species included a Brant that visited multiple spots along the Lake Co. and Cook Co. lakefront, a Purple Sandpiper, briefly two, at Waukegan Beach, Prairie Falcons in the traditional Coles Co. magic stump area, a Mountain Bluebird in DeWitt Co., many Evening Grosbeak sightings — continuing the fall invasion, and a Winnebago Co. Golden-crowned Sparrow seen by many thanks to the hospitality of birders Barbara and Dan Williams who opened up their yard to visitors.

One of the most notable seasonal rarities was a Kentucky Warbler photographed and documented at Waukegan Beach on December 13 — a sighting that joins only a handful of winter records in the entire U.S.

WATERFOWL TO GREBES

Geese and waterfowl numbers were relatively low or average due to the warm fall and early winter causing many species to likely migrate further, combined with the extreme cold temperatures in January and February pushing many birds likely out of Illinois. Notable, however, were large counts of swans including 1000 Trumpeter Swans at Melvin Price L&D in Madison Co. and 2001 Tundra Swans on the Mississippi River in Carroll Co. Harlequin Ducks were notably absent for the first time in the past five years.

Yet again, no Gray Partridges were reported, while Ring-necked Pheasants and Northern Bobwhites had comparable numbers to recent years.

Four species of grebes were reported, including a Western Grebe and Red-necked Grebe on Lake Michigan and a Red-necked Grebe at Rend Lake.

PIGEONS TO LOONS

Rufous Hummingbirds were seen in four different counties including two in the north and two in the south.

Sandhill Cranes once again migrated south in early December, and Whooping Cranes were seen in expected locations in southern Illinois.

Aside from the Waukegan Purple Sandpipers, shorebird reports were mostly as expected. A report of 8 Dunlin at Goose Lake Prairie S.N.A. on Dec. 18 was notable for December in northern Illinois.

Gull sightings were fairly uneventful. California Gulls were reported from three locations, including two seen at Lake Springfield. A Laughing Gull at McHenry Dam in McHenry Co. provided nice looks for many inland birders. Like last winter,

Rend Lake had the only Forster's Terns.

A large number of Red-throated Loons (11, same as last winter) were seen at Illinois Beach in Lake County in early January.

CORMORANTS TO FALCONS

Two Neotropic Cormorants were seen at Lake of Egypt Dam on Feb. 28. A high count of 3000 American White Pelicans were seen at Carlyle Lake in late February.

Black Vultures continue to increase winter numbers in the south. A single Northern Goshawk was reported in Bureau Co. Golden Eagles were seen in fourteen (14) counties, the same number as last year. Likely the extreme winter weather up north pushed many more Rough-legged Hawks into Illinois, with many seen along country roadsides, and a single site high count of 13 at Goose Lake Prairie S.N.A.

Barn Owl sightings continue to be sparse. Snowy Owls were seen in 17 counties. Long-eared Owl reports were extremely sparse, though nondisclosure of sightings by birders is making this species harder to track and CBC data may provide better insights.

Red-headed Woodpeckers were observed in large numbers again this winter in southern Illinois including a high count of 82 at Oakwood Bottoms. Other notable high counts of woodpeckers in southern Illinois included 66 Northern Flickers at Oakwood Bottoms and 21 Pileated Woodpeckers at Union County C.A. A "Red-shafted" Northern Flicker was also reported from Adams Co. on Dec. 18.

Merlins continue to increase, with both high counts of 3 coming from cemeteries in northern Illinois. Peregrine Falcons were reported in 26 counties and one, occassionally two, Prairie Falcons returned to their usual Coles County location.

FLYCATCHERS TO MIMIDS

A White-eyed Vireo in McLean Co. on Dec. 8 was a notable find.

Loggerhead Shrikes were reported from 7 counties, up from 3 last winter, while Northern Shrikes were spotted in 20 counties, down from 33 counties the year before. Fish Crows were seen as far north as McLean Co.

Gray Catbirds are being reported more frequently, with reports from 11 counties in the winter of 2020-21 compared with 8 in 2019-20 and 5 in 2018-19.

THRUSHES TO FINCHES

A count of 605 Eurasian Tree Sparrows from Mercer Co. was impressive even compared to other county-wide tallies.

The northern finch iruption from the fall continued into the winter months for some species. Of particular note were many sightings of White-winged Crossbills after years of few reports. Common Redpolls were also reported from 31 counties, with as many as 200 being seen at Goose Lake Prairie S.N.A. in Grundy Co.

LONGSPURS TO BLACKBIRDS

Aside from a notable Grasshopper Sparrow at North Point Marina in Lake Co. on Dec. 13, sparrow species and numbers were fairly expected. Spotted Towhees were seen in five counties, including two birds at Carlyle Lake.

Brewer's Blackbirds were reported in good numbers including 500 at Pyramid S.P. and two other counts over 100 from Perry and Gallatin Counties.

WARBLERS TO BUNTINGS & EXOTICS

Eleven species of warblers were recorded compared to eight last winter. A Summer Tanager was seen in Lake Co. on Dec. 25 and a Scarlet Tanager in Kendall Co. on Dec. 9. European Goldfinches continue to expand. An impressive single group of 95 birds was photographed along Market St. in Lake Co. and 60 were also seen along Rt. 83 in Grayslake. ■

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RED-HEADED WOODPECKER. Cooper Park, Tazewell County, 20 February 2021. Photo by Steve Zehner.

HOW TO READ FIELD NOTES

Field notes for each species are arranged in the following order:

Species
1. Early Arrival Dates
2. High Counts
3. Late Departure Dates

SPECIES

CAPITALIZED AND UNDERLINED: Species requiring documentation and IORC (Illinois Ornithological Records Committee) review. IORC documentation of such records is appropriate and highly appreciated. Documentation forms and the IORC review list can be accessed at: *http://illinoisbirds.org/iorc.html*

Underlined: Species that are either rare in the state or documentable only in parts of Illinois or in some plumages

Documented species will have a * after the observer name/s.
[**pending IORC review**]: Species has been documented, but is still pending review by IORC.
[**undocumented**]: Species has not been documented, but was provisionally included by the field notes editor.

1. EARLY ARRIVAL DATES

Noted early arrival dates for species not present throughout the entire season are listed as:
[date] (# of birds seen), location (observer name/s).

2. HIGH COUNTS

Noted high counts for the season are listed as:
[# of birds seen] location, date (observer name/s).

At least the top three high counts in the state during the season are usually included, but additional records may or may not represent the next highest counts, and may represent counts that are notable or have regional significance.

3. LATE DEPARTURE DATES

Noted late departure dates for species not present throughout the entire season are listed as:
[date] (# of birds seen), location (observer name/s).

ABBREVIATIONS

Transparent directionals (n.=north(ern), n.e. = northeast(ern), etc.), and including c.= central, are used where applicable along with universally standard abbreviations.

In addition, a list of standard abbreviations used in this report is presented on a subsequent page, along with a list of organization abbreviations, and an alphabetized list of abbreviated location names which can be recognized by their lack of a listed county and no spaces between abbreviated words.

ADDITIONAL NOTES

Noteworthy dates, sites of occurrence, remarkably high counts for the state as a whole or for particular regions of the state, and notable comments may be underlined.

Remarks on the historical significance of records aim to be valid for the corpus of data published in H. David Bohlen's 1989 Birds of Illinois, the Illinois journals Illinois Birds and Birding (summer 1984 – spring 1991), and Meadowlark (summer 1991 – present). Noted record maximum counts, when available, are due to the efforts of Geoff Williamson (pers comm) and H. David Bohlen (1989). Data from other sources may have bearing on the validity of these remarks. Species names and sequence correspond to the American Ornithologist's Union Check-List of North American Birds and its supplements.

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Thank you to everyone who submits sightings through eBird or manually submits field notes to Meadowlark. Although most people now submit through eBird, some of the most dedicated birders still either use eBird intermittently or enter data elsewhere, and their data is and will continue to be highly valued.

Thank you to eBird for allowing access to their database, which furnishes the foundation for many of the sightings reported here. The Illinois State Water Survey and Prairie Research Institute provide significant data regarding the state weather record for the period. The Illinois Ornithological Society's IBET (IL Birders Exchanging Thoughts) listserv provides significant records, some of which cannot be found on eBird. The Illinois Birding Network and Illinois Rare Bird Alert on Facebook and various GroupMe chats feature additional information and many photographs.

Finally, thank you to the photographers who graciously allow us to include their photos in Meadowlark.

SUBMITTING PHOTOS TO MEADOWLARK

Meadowlark is always looking for high quality photos of birds taken during seasons that will be featured in upcoming issues of the publication. For photos of rare species, photographers are encouraged to consult the IORC section of the IOS website for a list of documentable species and submit accordingly (https://www.illinoisbirds.org/illinois-ornithological-records-committee/). Records submitted there will both be shared with Meadowlark and also stored for scientific record.

eBird's Macaulay Library is highly utilized by Meadowlark editors to search for photos of species of interest, and photographers are encouraged to post photos there if possible. A photo submission form is also available for photographers upon request to submit specific photos of interest.

If you wish to share a link to your online gallery or eBird photos and give blanket permission for IOS to use your work in Meadowlark, please contact the Meadowlark Chief Editor at publications@illinoisbirds.org. Getting blanket permission from photographers saves the editors considerable time when compiling the magazine, and photos from those sources are often favored.

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All photos submitted to Meadowlark should be taken while following the American Birding Association's Code of Birding Ethics (https://www.aba.org/aba-code-of-birding-ethics/). Photos of birds that have been overly harassed by: excessively prolonged presence, excessive audio recording use, ANY amount of intentional flushing for flight shots, ANY baiting, or taken while illegally trespassing, will not be used under any circumstances if such actions are discovered. Special care should be taken with breeding birds and threatened and endangered species. Getting photos ethically not only helps birds and other birders trying to observe them, but also adds a fun and exciting additional challenge and sense of pride to the hobby of bird photography.

SUBMITTING FIELD NOTES

Generally, the most notable dates and counts are always captured from eBird if you submit your data there, but notes from others are also encouraged as well as birders' seasonal weather and species notes, observations of breeding, changes in species ranges, and other highlights.

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SUBMISSION DEADLINES

SUMMER (June 1 – July 31)
Field notes due by August 7

FALL (August 1 – November 30
Field notes due by December 7

WINTER (December 1 – February 28)
Field notes due by March 7

SPRING (March 1 – May 31)
Field notes due by June 7

LOCATION ABBREVIATIONS

Location abbreviations used in field notes

AllertonPk = Allerton Park (Piatt Co)
AlmondM = Almond Marsh Forest Preserve (Lake Co)
AMAX = Amax Coal Company, Keensburg (Wabash Co)
ArsenalRd = Arsenal Road (Will Co)
BaileyWet = Bailey Wetland (Richland & Wayne Cos)
BaldwinL = Baldwin Lake (-R:Randolph & -S:St. Clair Cos)
BannerM = Banner Marsh (Fulton & Peoria Cos)
Bartel = Bartel Grassland (Cook Co)
BeallWds = Beall Woods State Park (Wabash Co)
Bellrose = Bellrose Waterfowl Reserve (Pulaski Co)
Bloomington = Bloomington (McLean Co)
BraidwoodL = Braidwood Lake (Will Co)
BuseyWds = Busey Woods Park, Urbana (Champaign Co)
BusseWds = Busse Woods Forest Preserve (Cook Co)
CacheRSNA = Cache River State Natural Area (Johnson Co)
CalumetPk = Calumet Park, Chicago (Cook Co)
CalumetWRP = Calumet Water Reclamation Plant (Cook Co)
CapSauers = Cap Sauers Holdings NP (Cook Co)
Carbondale = Carbondale (Jackson Co)
CarlyleL = Carlyle Lake (-B:Bond & -C:Clinton & -F:Fayette Cos)
CarpentersvilleD = Carpentersville Dam, Fox River Shores FP (Kane Co)
ChiBotanicG = Chicago Botanic Garden (Cook Co)
CentennialTr = Centennial Trail (DuPage Co)
ChainOLSP = Chain-O-Lakes State Park (Lake Co)
Champaign = Champaign (Champaign Co)
Channahon = Channahon Widewaters, DesPlainesCA (Will Co)
Chautuaqua = Lake Chautauqua NWR (Mason Co)
Chi = Chicago (Cook Co)
ChiBotanicG = Chicago Botanic Garden (Cook Co)
CIPSL = C. IL Public Service Cooling L (Jasper Co)
ClintonL = Clinton Lake (DeWitt Co)
CrabOrchard = Crab Orchard NWR (Williamson Co)
CypressCrk = Cypress Creek NWR (Pulaski Co)
DeerGrove = Deer Grove Forest Preserve (Cook Co)
DesPlainesCA = Des Plaines Conservation Area (Will Co)
DickYoungNL = Dick Young/Nelson Lake FP (Kane Co)
DixonWR = Dixon Waterfowl Refuge (Putnam Co) (formerly HennepinL)
DoubleT = Double T SFWA (Fulton Co)
ECapeGir = East Cape Girardeau (Alexander Co)
EForkL = East Fork Lake, Olney (Richland Co)
ElPasoSP = El Paso Sewage Plant (Woodford Co)
Emiquon = Emiquon Preserve area (Fulton Co)
EStLouis = East St. Louis (St Clair Co)
Fermilab = Fermilab (-D:DuPage & -K:Kane Cos)
FerneClyffe = Ferne Clyffe State Park (Johnson Co)
FunksGrove = Funk's Grove Preserve lands (McLean Co)
Gillson = Gillson Park, Wilmette (Cook Co)
GlacialPk = Glacial Park Conservation Area (McHenry Co)
GLNTC = Great Lakes Naval Training Center (Lake Co)
GooseLPra = Goose Lake Prairie SNA (Grundy Co)
GrantPk = Grant Park, Chicago (Cook Co)
GreeneVal = Greene Valley Forest Preserve (DuPage Co)
GreenR = Green River State Wildlife Area (Lee Co)
GuzyPra = Margaret Guzy Pothole Wet NP (Shelby Co)
HarborsideGC = Harborside International GC, LCal (Cook Co)
HeideckeL = Heidecke Lake (Grundy Co)
HeronPond = Heron Pond NP, Cache River SNA (Johnson Co)
HomerL = Homer Lake Forest Preserve (Champaign Co)
HorseshoeLCA = Horseshoe Lake CA (Alexander Co)
HorseshoeLSP = Horseshoe Lake State Park (Madison Co)
ILBeachSP = Illinois Beach State Park (Lake Co)
IroquoisCoCA = Iroquois County CA (Iroquois Co)
JacksonPk = Jackson Park and vicinity, Chicago (Cook Co)
JakeWolfFH = Jake Wolf Memorial Fish Hatchery (Mason Co)
Jarvis = Bill Jarvis Migratory BS, LincolPk (Cook Co)
JimEdgarPC = Jim Edgar Panther Creek SFWA (Cass Co)
JamesPate = James "Pate" Phillip (Tri-County) SP (DuPage, Kane, Cook Cos)
Kankakee = Kankakee (Kankakee Co)
KankakeePks = LeVasseur & Perry Farm Parks (Kankakee Co)
KankakeeRSP = Kankakee River SP (Kankakee & Will Cos)
KaskaskiaI = Kaskaskia Island (Randolph Co)
KennekukCove = Kennekuk Cove County Park (Vermilion Co)
KiddLMarsh = Kidd Lake Marsh SNA (Monroe Co)
KinkaidL = Kinkaid Lake (Jackson Co)
Kinnikinnick = Kinnikinnick Creek CA (Boone Co)
L&D21 = Quincy Lock & Dam (Adams Co)
LakeOfWdsFP = Lake of the Woods FP (Champaign Co)
LaSalleL = LaSalle Lake SFWA (LaSalle Co)
LBloomington = Lake Bloomington (McLean Co)
LCalumet = Lake Calumet (Cook Co)
LCharleston = Lake Charleston (Coles Co)
LDecatur = Lake Decatur (Macon Co)
LincolnPk = Lincoln Park, Chicago (Cook Co)
LMichigan = Lake Michigan (-C:Cook & -L:Lake Cos)
LMurphysboro = Lake Murphysboro State Park (Jackson Co)
LostMound = Lost Mound Unit, Upper Mississippi River NWR (Jo Daviess Co)
LoudThunder = Loud Thunder Forest Preserve (Rock Island Co)
LowdenMiller = Lowden-Miller State Forest (Ogle Co)
LowerILRiver = Lower Illinois River Valley
LowerMissRiver = Lower Mississippi River Valley
LRenwick = Lake Renwick (Will Co)
LShelbyville = Lake Shelbyville (-M:Moultrie & -S:Shelby Cos)
LSpringfield = Lake Springfield (Sangamon Co)
LtlRedSchlH = Little Red Schoolhouse NC, Palos (Cook Co)
LVermilion = Lake Vermilion, Danville (Vermilion Co)
"magic stump" = stump in ag. field s.e. of Arcola (Coles Co.)
MaxMcGraw = Max McGraw Wildlife Foundation (Kane Co)
Maz/Braidwood = Mazonia/Braidwood SFWA (Grundy, Will, Kankakee Cos)
McCunePra = McCune Sand Prairie NP (Bureau Co)
MelvinPrice = Melvin Price Lock and Dam (Madison Co)
Meredosia = Meredosia NWR (Brown/Cass/Morgan Cos)
MermetL = Mermet Lake SFWA (Massac Co)
MiddleforkSav = Middlefork Savanna Forest Preserve (Lake Co)
Midewin = Midewin National Tallgrass Prairie (Will Co)
MidForkSFWA = Middle Fork SFWA (Vermilion Co)
Miller-Anderson = Miller-Anderson Woods NP (Bureau Co)
MississippiR = Mississippi River (various Cos)
MissPalisades = Mississippi Palisades State Park (Carroll Co)
Moline = Moline (Rock Island Co)
MomenceSod = H & E Sod Farm, Momence (Kankakee Co)
MomenceWet = Momence Wetlands (Kankakee Co)
Montrose = Montrose Harbor, LincPk, Chi (Cook Co)
MoraineHills = Moraine Hills State Park (McHenry Co)
MortonArb = Morton Arboretum (DuPage Co)
Mskoda = Mskoda Sands Preserve (Kankakee Co)
Nachusa = Nachusa Grasslands (Lee Co)
NewtonL = Newton Lake SFWA (Jasper Co)
NortherlyI = Northerly I, Burnham Park, Chicago (Cook Co)
NorthPond = North Pond, Lincoln Park, Chicago (Cook Co)
NPointMarina = North Point Marina, Winthrop Harbor (Lake Co)
NygrenWet = Nygren Wetlands Preserve (Winnebago Co)
OakwoodBtms = Oakwood Bottoms, SNF (Jackson Co)
OFallonWTP = OFallon WTP (St. Clair Co)
Palos = Palos area (sw Cook Co)
PaulDouglas = Paul Douglas Forest Preserve (Cook Co)
PeabodyR = Peabody River King SFWA (St. Clair Co)
PeacockM = marsh at Peacock Engineering (Will Co)
Pecatonica = Pecatonica River area (Winnebago Co)
Pembroke = Pembroke Township area (Kankakee Co)
Peoria = Peoria (Peoria Co)
PereMarquetteSP = Pere Marquette State Park (Jersey Co)

PineHills = Pine Hills/LaRue Ecological Area (Union Co)
Pomona = Pomona area (Jackson Co)
PrairieRidge = Prairie Ridge SNA (-J:Jasper & -M:Marion Cos)
PrattsWayneWds = Pratt's Wayne Woods FP (DuPage Co)
PyramidSP = Pyramid State Park (Perry Co)
QuadCities = Quad Cities and vicinity (Rock Island Co)
RendL = Rend Lake (-F:Franklin & -J:Jefferson Cos)
RiverBendFP = River Bend Forest Preserve (Champaign Co)
RockCutSP = Rock Cut State Park (Winnebago Co)
Rockford = Rockford (Winnebago Co)
RockRunRookery = Rock Run Rookery Forest Preserve (Will Co)
RollinsSav = Rollins Savanna Forest Preserve (Lake Co)
Ryerson = Ryerson CA (Lake Co)
SaganashkeeSl = Saganashkee Slough (Cook Co)
SaltCrkWds = Salt Creek Woods Forest Preserve (Cook Co)
SandRidgeSF = Sand Ridge State Forest (Mason Co)
Sang = Sangamon County
Sanganois = Sanganois SFWA (Cass, Mason, & Schuyler Cos)
SangchrisL = Sangchris Lake SP (Christian & Sangamon Cos)
SantaFeBtms = Santa Fe Bottoms (Clinton Co)
SauerPraKame = Sauer Family Prairie Kame FP (Kane Co)
ShabbonaL = Shabbona Lake SRA (DeKalb Co)
ShawneeNF = Shawnee National Forest (various Cos)
SiloamSpr = Siloam Springs State Park (Adams Co)
SongbirdSl = Songbird Slough Forest Preserve (DuPage Co)
SpringbrookPra = Springbrook Prairie FP (DuPage Co)
SpringCreek = Spring Creek FP
Springfield = Springfield (Sangamon Co)
SpringL = Spring Lake (Tazewell Co)
SpunkyBtms = TNC/Spunky Bottoms Preserve (Brown Co)
StarvedRock = Starved Rock State Park (LaSalle Co)
SteelworkersPk = 87th St. Steelworkers Park, Chicago (Cook Co)
StumpL = Stump Lake SFWA (Jersey Co)
SugarRFP = Sugar River Forest Preserve (Winnebago Co)
SwallowCliff = Swallow Cliff Woods, Palos (Cook Co)
ThomsonRA = Thomson Causeway RA (Carroll Co)
TinleyCrkWet = Tinley Creek Wetlands (s. Cook Co)
TwoRivers = Two Rivers NWR (Calhoun Co)
UnionCoSFWA = Union County SFWA (Union Co)
UniversalMine = Universal/Peabody Strip Mines (Edgar Co)
UpperILRiver = Upper Illinois River Valley
UpperMissRiver = Upper Mississippi River Valley
UpperMissRNWR = Upper Mississippi River NWR (Carroll Co)
Urbana = Urbana (Champaign Co)
WaterfallGlen = Waterfall Glen Forest Preserve (DuPage Co)
WaukeganB = Waukegan Beach & Harbor/lakefront (Lake Co)
WhalonL = Whalon Lake Forest Preserve (Will Co)
WolfL = Wolf Lake/Powers SFWA (Cook Co)
WoodfordCoCA = Woodford County CA (Woodford Co.)

ORGANIZATIONS AND INSTITUTION ABBREVIATIONS

DBC DuPage Birding Club (field trips)
FSHW Fort Sheridan Hawk Watch
GVHW Greene Valley Hawk Watch
IBHW Illinois Beach Hawk Watch
INHS Illinois Natural History Survey
IORC Illinois Ornithological Records Committee
IOS Illinois Ornithological Society (field trips)
KCA Kane County Audubon (field trips)
USDA United States Department of Agriculture
USFWS United States Fish & Wildlife Service

STANDARD ABBREVIATIONS

EA: = Early Arrival(s)
LD: = Late Departure(s)
MC: = Max/High Count(s)

Species Notes Abbreviations:
* = documented record
** = specimen record
:ph = photo
:vid = video recording
:vr = audio recording
ad(s) = adult(s)
alt = alternate plumage (breeding)
cop = copulating
et al. = and others
f = female
fldg(s) = fledgling(s)
imm = immature
incl = including
juv(s) = juvenile(s)
lg = large
m = male
mat. = material
m.ob. = many observers
ph = photo(s)
plum = plumage
pr(s) = pair(s)
prop = property
pts = points
resp = respectively
subad(s) = subadult(s)
unk = unknown age/sex
vid = video
w/ = with
yg = young
1st = first winter plumage
2nd = second winter plum.
3rd = third winter plumage

Location Abbreviations:
Arb = Arboretum
Arpt = Airport
B = Beach
BBS = USGS Breeding Bird Survey (Route)
Bldg = Building
BS = Bird Sanctuary
CA = Conservation Area
CBC = Audubon Christmas Bird Count
CC = Community College
Cem = Cemetery
Co(s) = County(ies)
CP = County Park
Crk = Creek
EA = Ecological Area
FP = Forest Preserve
FS = Field Station
GC = Golf Course
H = Harbor
HA = Habitat Area
I = Island
L = Lake
L&D = Lock & Dam
M = Marsh
Mem = Memorial
MM = Mile Marker
MWRP = Metro. Wastewater Reclamation Plant
NA = Natural Area
NC = Nature Center
NHL = National Historic Landmark
No. = North
NP = Nature Preserve
NWR = Nat'l Wildlife Refuge
OSL = Open Space Lands
Pk = Park
Pra = Prairie
Pr = Preserve
R = River
RA = Recreation Area
Rd = Road
Sav = Savanna
SF = State Forest
SFWA = State Fish & Wildlife /Waterfowl Area
SHA = State Habitat Area
Sl = Slough
SNA = State Natural Area
So. = South
SP = State Park
SRA = State Recreation Area
Tr = Trail
Twp = Township
Univ = University
Wds = Woods
Wet = Wetland
WMA = Wildlife Management Area
WS = Wildlife Sanctuary
WTP = Wastewater Treatment Plant (Ponds)

WINTER 2020-21 FIELD NOTES

Snow Goose
[**500,000**] CarlL-C, *6 Feb.* (Dan Kassebaum).
[**380,000**] Emiquon, *27 Feb.* (Rick Fox).
[100,000] Patriots Pk (Bond Co), *22 Jan.* (Brandon Henneman).
[**30,000**] UCSFWA, *7 Dec.* (Geoff Hill).

Ross's Goose
[**25**] Coffeen L (Montgomery Co), *20 Feb.* (Colin Dobson).
[**15**] HLCA, *6 Feb.* (Jacob C. Cooper, Zach Skubiszewski).
[**12**] LSpfld, *21 Jan.* (Colin Dobson).
[**12**] Paris (Edgar Co), *11 Feb.* (Colin Dobson).

Greater White-fronted Goose
[**35,000**] Fairmont Quarry Pond (Vermilion Co), *18 Jan.* (Ryan Askren).
[**11,000**] UniversalMine, *8 Feb.* (Steven Lima).
[**6,000**] Chau, *6 Dec.* (Matthew Williams).
[**3,000**] Lincoln Trail SP (Clark Co), *12 Feb.* (Steven Lima).

BRANT
[**1**] NPM/Wauk, *2 Jan.* & Montrose, *3-26 Jan.* (Eric Johnson, m.ob.*).

Cackling Goose
[**440**] Rochelle (Ogle Co), *25 Dec.* (Steve Huggins).
[**250**] Morton (Tazewell Co), *21 Jan.* (Bert Foquet).
[**250**] BaldwinL, *20 Feb.* (Paul R.).
[**180**] Reston Ponds (DeKalb Co), *19 Dec.* (Ken Reinert).

Canada Goose
[**13,000**] West Union (Clark Co), *21 Feb.* (Steven Lima).
[**11,390**] BraidwoodL, *27 Jan.* (Tate Butler).
[**10,000**] Wheeler Rd Sod Farms (Kendall Co), *8 Jan.* (Scott Johnson).
[**9,175**] Kankakee R (Kankakee Co), *20 Jan.* (Tate Butler).

Mute Swan
[**47**] WolfL, *12 Jan.* (Walter Marcisz).
[**41**] Antioch (Lake Co), *13 Jan.* (Maureen Marsh).
[**35**] L Jacksonville (Morgan Co), *5 Dec.* (Benjamin Ferraro).

Trumpeter Swan
[**1,000**] MelvinPrice, *20 Feb.* (Bill Rowe, Pat Lueders, Joshua Uffman, Yvonne Homeyer).
[**405**] SpringL, *7 Feb.* (Jude Vickery, Ryan Jones).
[**354**] Carroll Co, *15 Dec.* (Kelly J McKay, Tammy Loussaert).
[**350**] Emiquon, *27 Dec.* (Maury Brucker).
[**97**] Coffer Rd (Jackson Co), *19 Jan.* (Keith McMullen).

Tundra Swan
[**2,001**] MissR (Carroll Co), *15 Dec.* (Ed Anderson, Randy Nyboer, Grant Wiegert, m.ob.).
[**1,000**] UMRNWR, *22 Dec.* (Pamela Johnson).
[**437**] backyard (Lake Co), *24 Dec.* (Richard Biss).
[**354**] Lincoln Trail SP (Clark Co), *6 Feb.* (Steven Lima).
[**334**] UniversalMine, *30 Jan.* (Steven Lima).

Wood Duck
[**45**] Bluff Rd Wet (Clark Co), *16 Dec.* (Steven Lima).
[**14**] LincPk, *17 Dec.* (Matthew Igleski).
[**9**] Kankakee, *28 Feb.* (Jed Hertz).

Blue-winged Teal
[**2**] Gallatin, *27 Feb.* (Carol Keasler).
[**2**] Rock Island Co, *20 Dec.* (Brian Brevins, Corey Blevins, Jim Nordquist).
[**1**] RollinsSav, *7 Dec.* (Beau Schaefer).
[**1**] HL, *7 Dec.* (Frank Holmes).
[**1**] Izaak Walton Pr (Cook Co), *15 Dec.* (Peter Lowther).
[**1**] Grundy, *3 Jan.* (Vicky Sroczynski).

Northern Shoveler
[**600**] CarlL-C, *12 Dec.* (Dan Kassebaum).
[**500**] Chau, *6 Dec.* (Matthew Williams).
[**340**] DWR, *4 Dec.* (Douglas Stotz).
[**120**] CarlWWTP, *12 Dec.* (Harison Klever).

Gadwall
[**3,000**] Chau, *11 Dec.* (Jared Gorrell).
[**858**] MermetL, *30 Dec.* (Rhonda Rothrock).
[**600**] CarlL-C, *26 Dec.* (Dan Kassebaum).
[**600**] Pyramid, *3 Jan.* (Keith McMullen).
[**500**] Channahon, *26 Dec.* (Davida Kalina).

EURASIAN WIGEON
[**1**] Channahon, *21 Nov. – 1 Dec.* (m.ob.*) (See fall field notes.).

American Wigeon
[**70**] RendL-J, *19 Dec.* (Keith McMullen).
[**55**] Channahon, *13 Dec.* (Jody Applegate).
[**42**] UCCA, *29 Dec.* (Kelly J McKay, Vern Kleen).
[**20**] Coffeen L (Montgomery Co), *26 Feb.* (Keith McMullen).

Mallard
[**22,500**] DWR, *4 Dec.* (Douglas Stotz).
[**20,000**] CarlL-C, *26 Dec.* (Dan Kassebaum).
[**16,650**] BraidwoodL (Will Co), *27 Jan.* (Tate Butler).
[**10,000**] DeWitt, *4 Dec.* (Colin Dobson).

American Black Duck
[**127**] BraidwoodL, *27 Jan.* (Tate Butler).
[**125**] DeWitt, *4 Dec.* (Colin Dobson).
[**16**] CONWR, *11 Jan.* (Trey McCuen).

Northern Pintail
[**8,000**] CarlL-F, *6 Feb.* (Dan Kassebaum).
[**4,500**] Chau, *8 Dec.* (Andrew Dreelin).
[**1,680**] CypressCrk, *14 Dec.* (Kimberly Rohling).
[**1,400**] DWR, *4 Dec.* (Scott Harp).

Green-winged Teal
[**2,000**] Chau, *8 Dec.* (Andrew Dreelin).
[**400**] DWR, *1 Dec.* (Scotft Harp).
[**400**] RendL-J, *19 Dec.* (Keith McMullen).

Canvasback
[**12,000**] CarlL-C, *27 Feb.* (Dan Kassebaum).
[**2,000**] L&D 13, *3 Dec.* (Brendon Lake).
[**2,000**] CarlL-C, *30 Jan.* (Michael Heaney).
[**1,510**] HL, *26 Feb.* (Frank Holmes).
[**1,000**] Nauvoo (Hancock Co), *28 Feb.* (J.G. Chapman, Therese Cummiskey).

Redhead
[**3,400**] HGC, *14 Dec.* (Walter Marcisz).
[**3,000**] CarlL-C, *27 Feb.* (Dan Kassebaum).
[**1,370**] Gillson, *11 Dec.* (Fran Morel, Josh Engel, Nathan Goldberg).

Ring-necked Duck
[**1,832**] CypressCrk, *14 Dec.* (Kimberly Rohling).
[**1,600**] CarlL-C, *26 Dec.* (Dan Kassebaum).
[**1,500**] L&D 13, *3 Dec.* (Brendon Lake).
[**470**] DWR, *4 Dec.* (Douglas Stotz).
[**300**] Kankakee R (Kankakee Co), *20 Jan.* (Tate Butler).

Greater Scaup
[**2,900**] Rainbow B (Cook Co), *31 Dec.* (Glenn Giacinto, Nathan Goldberg, Steve Huggins).

Lesser Scaup
[**8,000**] CarlL-C, *10 Jan.* (Dan Kassebaum).
[**680**] HL, *26 Feb.* (Frank Holmes).
[**500**] L&D 13, *13 Dec.* (Stephen Hager).
[**450**] Spring Bay Fen NP (Woodford Co), *19 Dec.* (m.ob.).

Harlequin Duck
No Reports.

Surf Scoter
[**4**] Gillson, *15 Dec.* (Jeffrey Sanders).
[**2**] Northwestern Univ (Cook Co), *30 Dec.* (Peter Walton).
Single birds in Rock Island, Grundy, Sangamon, Henderson, Clark, Vermilion, Jasper.

White-winged Scoter
[**13**] Lighthouse B (Cook Co), *6 Jan.* (Josh Engel, Amanda Zeigler).
[**10**] JP, *28 Feb.* (Jeffrey Sanders).
[**5**] LSpfld, *16 Dec.* (Dave Bohlen).

Black Scoter
[**5**] Lake Forest B (Lake Co), *1 Dec.* (Jerry Hampton).
[**4**] L Opeka (Cook Co), *1 Dec.* (Julie Gidwitz).
[**2**] Franklin, *1 Dec.* (Michael Heaney).
Single birds seen in Rock Island, McLean, Livingston, Madison, Wabash.

Long-tailed Duck
[**30**] Lighthouse B (Cook Co), *6 Jan.* (Josh Engel, Amanda Zeigler).
[**4**] L&D 13, *12 Jan.* (Anne Straight, Ethan Brown).
[**3**] Riley Creek Rest Area (Hancock Co), *6 Jan.* (Phil Reyburn).
[**3**] LSpfld, *15 Dec.* (Dave Bohlen).
Also seen in Rock Island, Lake, Will, Fulton, Mason, Sangamon, Hancock, Coles, Clinton, Madison, Richland.

Bufflehead
[**1,075**] Kankakee R (Kankakee Co), *23 Feb.* (Tate Butler).
[**400**] LSpfld, *5 Jan.* (Matthew Williams).
[**200**] CarlWWTP, *12 Dec.* (Harison Klever).

Common Goldeneye
[**8,000**] CarlL-C, *10 Jan.* (Dan Kassebaum).
[**4,730**] QC, *13 Jan.* (Kelly J McKay).
[**2,650**] Thomson Causeway RA (Carroll Co), *15 Dec.* (Kelly J McKay, Tammy Loussaert).
[**2,300**] Nellie Jackson Pk (Peoria Co), *24 Feb.* (Dennis Endicott).
[**2,000**] LSpfld, *8 Jan.* (Keith McMullen).

Hooded Merganser
[**500**] DeWitt, *16 Jan.* (Brady Colin, Tom Colin).
[**500**] ClintonL, *16 Jan.* (Colin Dobson).
[**120**] RendL-F, *20 Feb.* (Jacob C. Cooper).
[**88**] DPCA, *16 Jan.* (Ted Wolff).

Common Merganser
[**2,500**] Powerton L (Tazewell Co), *10 Jan.* (Matthew Williams).
[**1,270**] HeideckeL, *22 Dec.* (Matt Misewicz, Jason Newton).
[**300**] CONWR, *24 Feb.* (Don Mullison).

Red-breasted Merganser
[**4,000**] MonroeH, Chi, *2 Jan.* (Glenn Giacinto, Nathan Goldberg, Steve Huggins).
[**60**] Powerton L (Tazewell Co), *28 Jan.* (Scott Latimer).
Most high counts from Chicago lakefront.

Ruddy Duck
[**2,500**] CONWR, *18 Jan.* (Don Mullison).
[**1,400**] CarlL-C, *6 Feb.* (Dan Kassebaum).
[**800**] LSpfld, *5 Jan.* (Matthew Williams).
[**500**] DWR, *10 Dec.* (Scott Harp).

Northern Bobwhite
[**30**] Pembroke, *26 Dec.* (Lisa Maier).
[**21**] New Farm (Calhoun Co), *4 Dec.* (Michael Miller).
[**19**] Goofy Ridge (Mason Co), *22 Feb.* (Jared Gorrell).
[**4**] Kewanee (Henry Co), *6 Feb.* (Justin Reed).

Ring-necked Pheasant
[**96**] Sibley CA (Ford Co), *13 Dec.* (Vicky Sroczynski, Bob Fisher).
[**55**] Hebron (McHenry Co), *3 Jan.* (Rena Lynn).
[**43**] Prairie Green (Kane Co), *5 Jan.* (Walt Lutz).
Some high counts are due to releases and not established birds.

Greater Prairie-Chicken
[**31**] PrRdg-J, *20 Feb.* (Leroy Harrison).
[**21**] Bartel Land and Water Reserve (Marion Co), *7 Feb.* (Michael Heaney).

Wild Turkey
[**76**] McLean, *19 Feb.* (Benjamin Murphy).
[**71**] Caledonia (Boone Co), *29 Dec.* (Dan Williams).
[**67**] CONWR, *8 Jan.* (Aimee Reel-Hemphill).
[**65**] Arsenal, *28 Dec.* (Scott Latimer).

Pied-billed Grebe
[**53**] EForkL, *30 Jan.* (Leroy Harrison).
[**20**] ClintonL, *19 Feb.* (Colin Dobson).
[**15**] CONWR, *2 Dec.* (Aimee Reel-Hemphill).

Horned Grebe
[**12**] CarlL-C, *5 Dec.* (Dan Kassebaum).
[**10**] RendL-F, *1 Dec.* (Michael Heaney).
[**8**] Sangamon Co, *5 Dec.* (Dave Bohlen).
[**5**] HeideckeL, *7 Dec.* (Matt Misewicz).

Red-necked Grebe
[**1**] RendL-F, *1 Dec.* (Michael Heaney).
[**1**] CalPk, *1 Dec.* (Isoo O'Brien).

Western Grebe
[**1**] Burnham Pk (Cook Co), *31 Dec.* (Isoo O'Brien, m.ob.).

Rock Pigeon
[**600**] HL, *18 Jan.* (Levi Mattingly).
[**527**] Niles (Cook Co), *28 Jan.* (Jim Solum).
[**435**] I-39 (La Salle Co), *31 Dec.* (Douglas Stotz).

Eurasian Collared-Dove
[**49**] River Grove (Cook Co), *31 Jan.* (Henry Griffin).
[**37**] Chicago (Cook Co), *25 Jan.* (Joe Lill).
[**30**] CarlL-C, *13 Dec.* (Dan Kassebaum).
[**26**] Kaneville (Kane Co), *10 Feb.* (Eric Walters).

Mourning Dove
[**300**] CarlL-C, *20 Dec.* (Dan Kassebaum).
[**220**] Lower Chute (Jackson Co), *10 Jan.* (Jacob C. Cooper).
[**213**] Roth Rd (Kendall Co), *7 Dec.* (Scott Johnson).
[**200**] Univ of IL Cattle Farm (Champaign Co), *13 Dec.* (Rob Kanter).

Rufous Hummingbird
[**1**] Lisle (DuPage Co), *1-10 Dec.* (Carissa Baier, m.ob.*) (Arrived sometime in mid Nov. according to homeowner.).
[**1**] East Alton (Madison Co), *6-16 Dec.* (Jessie Goodwin, Tommy Goodwin).
[**1**] Will, *1 Dec.* (Matt Misewicz).
[**1**] Carterville (Williamson Co), *9-20 Dec.* (Travis DeNeal).

Virginia Rail
[**2**] DWR, *4 Dec.* (Dustin Holschuh).
[**1**] Blackwell FP (DuPage Co), *5 Dec.* (Kyle Wiktor).

American Coot
[**2,010**] Perry, *27 Dec.* (beau schaefer).
[**1,000**] L&D 13, *13 Dec.* (Stephen Hager).
[**200**] Emiquon, *27 Feb.* (Steven Freed).

Sandhill Crane
[**1,155**] backyard (Lake Co), *1 Dec.* (Richard Biss).
[**750**] Lisle (DuPage Co), *1 Dec.* (David Johnson).
[**660**] FoxR Shores FP (Kane Co), *1 Dec.* (Walt Lutz).

Whooping Crane
[**3**] KaskIs, *28 Dec.* (m.ob.).
[**3**] Lawrence Co, *11 Dec.* (Leroy Harrison).

Killdeer
[**44**] Alexander Co, *28 Dec.* (Kelly J McKay, Mark Vucovich).
[**37**] s. of Norris City (White Co), *9 Dec.* (Sandra Spence).
[**34**] Carbondale (Williamson Co), *20 Dec.* (Don Mullison).
[**30**] ClintonL, *10 Dec.* (Evan Smith).
[**12**] Mendota (LaSalle Co), *28 Feb.* (Alyssa Rod, Diana Rod, Gene Rod).

Dunlin
[**8**] GLPSNA, *18 Dec.* (Matt Misewicz).
[**2**] ClintonL, *10 Dec.* (Evan Smith).
[**1**] Gallatin, *10 Jan.* (Colin Dobson).

PURPLE SANDPIPER
[**2**] Wauk, *6-19 Dec.* (Jenny Cesolini, Joe Cesolini, m.ob.*) (Two birds seen on 11 Dec. only.).

Least Sandpiper
[**20**] KaskIs, *10 Jan.* (Michael Heaney).

American Woodcock
[**6**] CONWR, *20 Dec.* (Kimberly Rohling).
[**6**] Carrier Mills (Saline Co), *1 Jan.* (Travis DeNeal).
[**5**] Sahara Woods SFWA (Saline Co), *27 Dec.* (Kimberly Rohling).

Wilson's Snipe
[**26**] East Alton (Madison Co), *15 Jan.* (Frank Holmes).
[**20**] Hardin, *18 Dec.* (Craig Taylor).
[**12**] Sawmill L (Putnam Co), *3 Dec.* (Josh Engel).

Greater Yellowlegs
[**1**] TwoRivers, *10 Dec.* (Brent Schindewolf).

Lesser Yellowlegs
[**1**] CIPS L (Jasper Co), *24 Feb.* (Leroy Harrison).

Black-legged Kittiwake
[**1**] Gillson, *11 Dec.* (Fran Morel, Josh Engel, Al Stokie).
[**1**] Powerton L (Tazewell Co), *24 Jan.* (Steve Huggins, Scott Judd, m.ob.).
[**1**] Wauk, *3 Feb.* (Michal Furmanek, m.ob.).
[**1**] Manito Rd (Tazewell Co), *13 Feb.* (Chip K).
[**1**] Wauk, *13 Feb.* (Beau Schaefer).
[**1**] Montrose, *21 Feb.* (Geoffrey A. Williamson).

Bonaparte's Gull
[**6,000**] CarlL-C, *13 Dec.* (Dan Kassebaum).
[**750**] CONWR, *27 Feb.* (Keith McMullen).
[**400**] ClintonL, *4 Dec.* (Colin Dobson).

Laughing Gull
[**1**] MoraineHills, *21 Feb.* (Casey Warnecke, m.ob.).
[**1**] LincPk, *26 Feb.* (Steve Huggins).

Franklin's Gull
[**1**] Gages L (Lake Co), *1 Jan.* (Stephen Hurst).

Ring-billed Gull
[**20,000**] CarlL-C, *12 Dec.* (Dan Kassebaum).
[**11,700**] RendL-F, *27 Feb.* (Keith McMullen).
[**7,000**] Borrows Pits (Madison Co), *7 Dec.* (Bill Rowe, Tom Parmeter).
[**6,500**] LSpfld, *4 Dec.* (Dave Bohlen).
[**5,376**] QC, *20 Dec.* (Kelly J McKay, Laura Semken, Shawn Hawks).

California Gull
[**2**] LSpfld, *3 Jan.* (Colin Dobson, Tony Ward).
[**1**] Borrows Pits (Madison Co), *7 Dec.* (Bill Rowe, Tom Parmeter).
[**1**] MelvinPrice, *20-21 Feb.* (Bill Rowe, Joshua Uffman, Dan Kassebaum).

Herring Gull
[**2,500**] Arsenal, *9 Jan.* (Glenn Giacinto, Steve Huggins).
[**475**] LSpfld, *3 Jan.* (Trevor Slovick).
[**450**] MelvinPrice, *19 Feb.* (Bill Rowe).

Iceland Gull
[**10**] NPM, *27 Jan.* (S. Quinn).
[**8**] Arsenal, *8 Jan.* (Eric Secker).
[**7**] Montrose, *10 Feb.* (Robert Hughes).
[**6**] LSpfld, *10 Feb.* (Colin Dobson).

Lesser Black-backed Gull
[**9**] Arsenal, *9 Jan.* (Steve Huggins, Glenn Giacinto).
[**8**] Moline, *27 Jan.* (Steven Freed).
[**8**] LSpfld, *10 Feb.* (Dave Bohlen, Colin Dobson).
[**5**] MelvinPrice, *20 Feb.* (Bill Rowe).

Glaucous Gull
[**4**] Arsenal, *20 Feb.* (Ryan Jones, Steve Huggins).
[**3**] NPM, *2 Feb.* (Andrew Stewart).
All other reports of single birds.

Great Black-backed Gull
[**5**] JP, *23 Feb.* (Randy Shonkwiler).
[**4**] Wauk, *7 Feb.* (Austin Broadwater).
Reports from 7 Cos.

Forster's Tern
[**4**] RendL-J, *18 Dec.* (Keith McMullen).

Red-throated Loon
[**11**] NPM, *11 Jan.* (Andrew Stewart, CiCi Birnberg, Rob Birnberg).
[**2**] CarlL-C, *5 Dec.* (Dan Kassebaum).
Most reports from Lake Co and Cook Co.

Common Loon
[**18**] Wauk, *7 Dec.* (Peter Weber).
[**5**] RendL-F, *13 Dec.* (Michael Heaney).

Neotropic Cormorant
[**2**] L of Egypt Dam (Williamson Co), *28 Feb.* (Colin Dobson, Keith McMullen, Travis DeNeal).

Double-crested Cormorant
[**500**] RendL-F, *27 Feb.* (Keith McMullen).
[**450**] L of Egypt Dam (Williamson Co), *28 Feb.* (Keith McMullen).
[**150**] SNF, *25 Feb.* (Tina Pryor).
[**31**] Dresden Cooling L (Will Co), *24 Feb.* (Jim Lukancic).

American White Pelican
[**3,000**] CarlL-C, *27 Feb.* (Dan Kassebaum).
[**500**] SNF, *22 Feb.* (Tina Pyror).
[**440**] HL, *8 Jan.* (David Becher).
[**250**] Quincy (Adams Co), *25 Feb.* (Jim Funk).
[**50**] BraidwoodL, *23 Feb.* (Tate Butler).

Great Blue Heron
[**85**] CarlL-C, *29 Dec.* (Dan Kassebaum).
[**70**] RendL-F, *20 Feb.* (Zach Skubiszewski, Jacob C. Cooper, et al.).
[**69**] Sangamon Co, *15 Dec.* (Dave Bohlen).
[**33**] All America City Pk(Adams Co), *11 Feb.* (Phil Reyburn).
[**23**] RRR, *27 Feb.* (Eric Secker).
[**20**] RendL-F, *22 Feb.* (Ryan Scott).

Green Heron
[**1**] Woodford, *5 Dec.* (Theresa Buley).
[**1**] SagSl, *5 Dec.* (Linda Radtke, Julie Rand, Janet Pellegrini).

Black-crowned Night-Heron
[**8**] NoP, *1 Dec.* (Steve Huggins).
[**2**] HL, *28 Feb.* (Frank Holmes).

Black Vulture
[**62**] Cave-In-Rock (Hardin Co), *27 Feb.* (James Jarosz).
[**60**] Forbes SP (Marion Co), *1 Dec.* (Leroy Harrison).
[**55**] Harrisburg (Saline Co), *10 Jan.* (Tony Ward).
[**55**] Lovers Lane Fish Ponds (Jackson Co), *27 Feb.* (Jacob C. Cooper).

Turkey Vulture
[**225**] Hardenbergh Rd. (Jackson Co), *27 Jan.* (Jeffrey McCrary).
[**100**] CIPS L (Jasper Co), *6 Feb.* (Leroy Harrison).
[**54**] Horseshoe Lake CBC (Alexander Co), *28 Dec.* (Beau Schaefer).
[**50**] Cave-In-Rock SP (Hardin Co), *23 Jan.* (Joseph Troy).
[**28**] ClintonL, *9 Jan.* (Tom Colin, Brady Colin).

Golden Eagle
[**2**] backyard (Carroll Co), *13 Dec.* (Ethan Brown).
[**2**] White Lane, Gorham (Jackson Co), *31 Jan.* (Jacob C. Cooper, Zach Skubiszewski, et al.).
Reported from 14 counties (3 north, 2 central, 9 south).

Northern Harrier
[**23**] PRSNA, *21 Jan.* (Leroy Harrison).
[**14**] Long Lane Rd (Saline Co), *1 Jan.* (Carol Keasler).
[**14**] GLPSNA, *3 Jan.* (Matt Misewicz).
[**10**] Springbrk, *9 Jan.* (Matthew Valiga).
[**9**] JEPC, *18 Jan.* (Jim Herkert).

Sharp-shinned Hawk
[**2**] Hawthorne Hill Pk (DuPage Co), *30 Dec.* (Carolyn G.).
[**2**] Aux Sable Access, I & M Canal (Grundy Co), *3 Jan.* (Susan Zelek, Sarah Hendrickson).
[**2**] Weldon (DeWitt Co), *19 Jan.* (Colin Dobson).
[**2**] Sahara Woods SFWA (Saline Co), *3 Feb.* (Jan Hansen).
[**2**] backyard (Saline Co), *5 Feb.* (Cathy DeNeal).

Cooper's Hawk
[**3**] Montrose, *10 Dec.* (Kelly Bartek).
[**3**] Chicago (Cook Co), *18 Feb.* (Robyn Detterline).

Northern Goshawk
[**1**] Manlius (Bureau Co), *16 Dec.* (Mike Madsen).

Bald Eagle
[**186**] L&D 13, *14 Feb.* (unknown).
[**155**] MissR (Mercer Co), *19 Jan.* (Kelly J McKay).
[**150**] Schweibert Pk (Rock Island Co), *17 Feb.* (Steven Freed).
[**141**] Chau, *26 Dec.* (Brian Fox Ellis).
[**100**] StumpL, *20 Feb.* (Levi Mattingly).

Red-shouldered Hawk
[**9**] UCCA, *29 Dec.* (Kelly J McKay, Vern Kleen).
[**7**] Horseshoe L CBC (Alexander Co), *28 Dec.* (Joe Gardner).
[**6**] Sangamon Co, *1 Dec.* (Dave Bohlen).

Red-tailed Hawk
[**44**] McLean/Woodford Co, *20 Dec.* (Matt Fraker).
[**32**] Springbrk, *9 Jan.* (Matthew Valiga, CJ Greco).
[**30**] CarlL-C, *12 Dec.* (Dan Kassebaum).
[**27**] Woodford Co, *22 Jan.* (Ted Hartzler, Don Hartzler).

Rough-legged Hawk
[**13**] GLPSNA, *15 Dec.* (Matt Misewicz).
[**5**] Foster Rd (Peoria Co), *6 Feb.* (Pete Fenner, Jennifer Scoby).
[**5**] Pecatonica (Winnebago Co), *27 Feb.* (John Karvelis).

Barn Owl
[**2**] Saline, *10 Jan.* (Tony Ward).
[**1**] Pyramid, *27 Dec.* (Beau Schaefer).
[**1**] Edwards, *18 Feb.* (Shelby Robert).
[**1**] Pope, *16 Dec.* (Kevin Rohling, Kimberly Rohling).

Eastern Screech-Owl
[**11**] Carroll Co, *15 Dec.* (Kelly J McKay, Tammy Loussaert).
[**7**] GreenR, *23 Dec.* (Kelly J McKay).
[**7**] BRSF, *27 Dec.* (Kelly J McKay, Tammy Loussaert, Teresa Smith).
[**4**] Union Co CBC (Union Co), *29 Dec.* (Joe Gardner).

Great Horned Owl
[**11**] QC, *20 Dec.* (Brian Brevins, Corey Blevins, Jim Nordquist, m.ob.).
[**8**] Mercer Co, *21 Dec.* (Jason Monson, Addison Monson, m.ob.).
[**6**] Fermi-D, *19 Dec.* (Glenn Perricone).
[**6**] LBloom, *15 Jan.* (Benjamin Guo).

Snowy Owl
[**3**] Livingston (Livingston Co), *19 Jan.* (SH Green).
[**3**] Lee, *20 Jan.* (John Longhenry).
[**2**] McLean Co, *21 Jan.* (Benjamin Guo).
Reported from 17 counties.

Barred Owl
[**22**] QC, *20 Dec.* (Brian Brevins, Corey Blevins, Jim Nordquist, m.ob.).
[**7**] Lake Storey Pk (Knox Co), *19 Dec.* (Elena Prado-Ragan).
[**6**] WCCA, *13 Feb.* (Matthew Simmons).
[**4**] Johnson Sauk Trail SP (Henry Co), *6 Dec.* (Stephen Hager).

Long-eared Owl
[**15**] LostMound, *18 Dec.* (Randy Nyboer, Dan Williams, Harry Drucker).
[**3**] Morgan Co, *6 Feb.* (Colin Dobson).
Many records likely not posted publicly.

Short-eared Owl
[**15**] Pot Hole Ln (Gallatin Co), *10 Jan.* (Colin Dobson, Tony Ward).
[**14**] Midewin, *4 Jan.* (John Sullivan).
[**12**] GLPSNA, *7 Jan.* (Daryl Coldren).
[**10**] Springbrk, *17 Dec.* (Pat Sterbling).
[**10**] Pyramid, *15 Jan.* (Eric Walters).
[**9**] Long Lane Rd (Saline Co), *14 Dec.* (Carol Keasler).
[**9**] Champaign, *30 Dec.* (Jason Newton).

Northern Saw-whet Owl
[**8**] BRSF, *27 Dec.* (Kelly J McKay, Tammy Loussaert, Teresa Smith).
[**5**] SRSF, *10 Dec.* (Matthew Williams).
[**3**] HomerL, *23 Feb.* (Katey Powell).
All reports of 3+ birds listed.

Belted Kingfisher
[**4**] HLCA, *29 Dec.* (Alan Magerkurth).
[**4**] HGC, *2 Jan.* (Walter Marcisz, Stephanie Beilke, Robyn Detterline, Libby Keyes).
[**4**] Daniel Wright Wds (Lake Co), *11 Jan.* (Stephen Hurst).
[**4**] FoxR Shores FP (Kane Co), *21 Jan.* (Walt Lutz).
[**3**] MidFork, *5 Dec.* (Sara Johnson).

Yellow-bellied Sapsucker
[**10**] UCSFWA, *29 Dec.* (Mark Vukovich, Chad Cremer).
[**8**] Horseshoe L CBC (Alexander Co), *28 Dec.* (Beau Schaefer).
[**7**] UCCA, *29 Dec.* (Kelly J McKay, Vern Kleen).

Red-headed Woodpecker
[**82**] OakBot, *1 Jan.* (Kelly J McKay, Mark Vucovich).
[**54**] UCCA, *19 Dec.* (Kelly J McKay, Vern Kleen).
[**24**] AllertonPk, *4 Jan.* (Nathan Beccue).
[**19**] Camp Wokanda (Peoria Co), *3 Jan.* (Rick Fox).
[**10**] Wilderness Rd, Castle Rock SP (Ogle Co), *20 Dec.* (Andrew Dreelin).

Red-bellied Woodpecker
[**34**] UCCA, *29 Dec.* (Kelly J McKay, Vern Kleen).
[**17**] DeerGrove, *24 Feb.* (David Warner).
[**14**] west of Iroquois R (Kankakee Co), *26 Dec.* (Douglas Stotz).

Downy Woodpecker
[**71**] LCal, *2 Jan.* (Walter Marcisz, m.ob.).
[**25**] HLCA, *28 Dec.* (Chad Cremer).
[**15**] Yankee Ridge (Champaign Co), *29 Dec.* (Eric Freyfogle).

Hairy Woodpecker
[**17**] PLNWR, *19 Jan.* (Kelly J McKay).
[**10**] LostMound, *18 Dec.* (Dan Williams).
[**10**] Fox Bluff CA (McHenry Co), *21 Feb.* (m.ob.).
[**6**] Jackson Co, *31 Dec.* (Rhonda Rothrock).
[**5**] FoxRidge, *19 Dec.* (Tyler Funk).

Pileated Woodpecker
[**21**] UCCA, *29 Dec.* (Kelly J McKay, Vern Kleen).
[**10**] Sangamon Co, *2 Jan.* (Dave Bohlen).
[**8**] Horseshoe L CBC (Alexander Co), *28 Dec.* (Joe Gardner).
[**7**] AllertonPk, *2 Jan.* (Henry Pollock, Zachary Sutton).
[**4**] SugarR, *19 Dec.* (John Longhenry).

Northern Flicker
[**66**] OakBot, *1 Jan.* (Kelly J McKay, Mark Vucovich).
[**18**] Del Air (Pike Co), *20 Dec.* (Jim Funk).
[**8**] Springbrk, *14 Jan.* (Joe Suchecki).

Northern Flicker (Red-shafted)
[**1**] Adams Co, *18 Dec.* (Cory Gregory).

American Kestrel
[**33**] Mercer Co, *21 Dec.* (Jason Monson, Addison Monson, m.ob.).
[**23**] CBC, Zenobia area (Christian Co), *19 Dec.* (Jarod Hitchings).
[**11**] WCCA, *13 Feb.* (Matthew Simmons).
[**9**] Chauncey Rd (Lawrence Co), *15 Jan.* (Keith McMullen).

Merlin
[**3**] St. Adalbert Cem (Cook Co), *4 Jan.* (Tom Lally).
[**3**] Freeport Cem (Stephenson Co), *9 Jan.* (Eric Secker).

GYRFALCON
[**1**] Waukegan (Lake Co), *13 Jan. & 30 Jan. – 4 Feb.* (Gustavo Ustariz, m.ob.)

Peregrine Falcon
[**2**] Alexander Co, *7 Dec.* (Geoff Hill).
[**2**] LSpfld, *13 Dec.* (Colin Dobson).
Many pairs in NE IL. Reported from 26 counties.

PRAIRIE FALCON
[**2**] N of Walnut Grove (Coles Co), *24 Jan.* (Vicky & Gordon Tucker).
[**2**] magic stump (Coles Co), *7 Dec.* (m.ob.).
One present through the season at this location.

Monk Parakeet
[**85**] S Ave M (by E 102nd St) (Cook Co), *12 Feb.* (Benjamin Miller).
[**20**] ComEd substation, Swift Rd (DuPage Co), *22 Jan.* (Hazem Alkhan).

Eastern Phoebe
[**5**] Thebes (Alexander Co), *28 Dec.* (Mark Vukovich).
[**3**] CypressCrk, *28 Dec.* (Mark Haas, Allen Gathman).
[**3**] Jackson Co, *2 Feb.* (unknown).
[**2**] AllertonPk, *11 Jan.* (Nathan Beccue).

GREAT KISKADEE
[**1**] Channahon, *2-13 Dec.* (John Weisgerber*, Nathan Goldberg, Steve Huggins, m.ob.) (Also heard on 29 Nov.).

White-eyed Vireo
[**1**] Normal (McLean Co), *8 Dec.* (Bill Davison).

Loggerhead Shrike
[**2**] Pyramid, *12 Jan.* (Lisa Saffell).
Reported from 7 counties (Perry, Wayne, Wabash, Effingham, Williamson, Richland, Edwards).

Northern Shrike
[**4**] GLPSNA, *16 Dec.* (Matt Misewicz).
Reported from 20 counties.

Blue Jay
[**124**] HLCA, *6 Feb.* (Jacob C. Cooper, Zach Skubiszewski).
[**36**] BRSF, *27 Dec.* (Kelly J McKay, Tammy Loussaert, Teresa Smith).
[**19**] LostMound, *18 Dec.* (Dan Williams).

American Crow
[**700**] 9th & State (Winnebago Co), *2 Jan.* (Joel Neylon).
[**604**] Perks Rd (Pulaski Co), *14 Dec.* (Rhonda Rothrock).
[**600**] CrystalLk (Champaign Co), *6 Jan.* (James Longo).

Fish Crow
[**10**] Metropolis (Massac Co), *27 Feb.* (Keith McMullen).
[**6**] MermetL, *27 Feb.* (Keith McMullen).
[**3**] L of Egypt Dam (Williamson Co), *28 Feb.* (Colin Dobson).
[**2**] Normal (McLean Co), *26 Dec.* (Mike Wille, m.ob.).

Carolina Chickadee
[**78**] HLCA, *28 Dec.* (Tony Rothering, Chad Cremer).
[**69**] OakBot, *1 Jan.* (Kelly J McKay, Mark Vucovich).
[**34**] CarlL-C, *29 Dec.* (Tommy Goodwin).

Black-capped Chickadee
[**85**] BRSF, *27 Dec.* (Kelly J McKay, Tammy Loussaert, Teresa Smith).
[**54**] KinnikinnickCrk CA (Boone Co), *29 Dec.* (Joel Neylon).
[**50**] L&D 16 (Rock Island Co), *6 Dec.* (Dennis Clark).

Tufted Titmouse
[**152**] OakBot, *1 Jan.* (Kelly J McKay, Mark Vucovich).
[**96**] LMurphy SP, *1 Jan.* (Dan Wylie).
[**72**] HLCA, *28 Dec.* (Tony Rothering).
[**57**] BRSF, *27 Dec.* (Kelly J McKay, Tammy Loussaert, Teresa Smith).

Horned Lark
[**990**] Wabash Co, *9 Feb.* (Cal Gesmundo, Zak Pohlen).
[**600**] Le Roy (McLean Co), *4 Jan.* (Benjamin Guo).
[**220**] Kendall Co, *15 Feb.* (Charles Shields).

Tree Swallow
[**1**] CONWR, *27 Feb.* (Christopher Gilbert).

Golden-crowned Kinglet
[**45**] OakBot, *1 Jan.* (Kelly J McKay, Mark Vucovich).
[**35**] BRSF, *27 Dec.* (Kelly J McKay, Tammy Loussaert, Teresa Smith).
[**20**] CONWR, *20 Dec.* (Don Mullison).
[**19**] Rocky Bluff (Williamson Co), *20 Dec.* (Jacob C. Cooper).

Ruby-crowned Kinglet
[**7**] Alexander Co, *28 Dec.* (Kelly J McKay, Mark Vucovich).
[**6**] UCCA, *29 Dec.* (Kelly J McKay, Vern Kleen).
[**5**] CONWR, *20 Dec.* (Don Mullison).
[**3**] DeWitt Co, *14 Dec.* (Colin Dobson).
Many sightings in N. IL this winter.

Red-breasted Nuthatch
[**78**] BRSF, *27 Dec.* (Kelly J McKay, Tammy Loussaert, Teresa Smith).
[**46**] BigRiver, *4 Dec.* (Josh Engel).
[**41**] SRSF, *11 Dec.* (Jared Gorrell).
[**17**] Woodhaven Lakes (Lee Co), *17 Dec.* (Alyssa Rod, Diana Rod, Gene Rod).
[**12**] SNF, *18 Dec.* (Colin Dobson).

White-breasted Nuthatch
[**47**] BRSF, *27 Dec.* (Kelly J McKay, Tammy Loussaert, Teresa Smith).
[**32**] Horseshoe L CBC (Alexander Co), *28 Dec.* (Joe Gardner).
[**21**] UCSFWA, *29 Dec.* (Chad Cremer, Mark Vukovich).
[**20**] Oak Ridge FP (Winnebago Co), *26 Dec.* (Joel Neylon).

Brown Creeper
[**16**] OakBot, *1 Jan.* (Kelly J McKay, Mark Vucovich).
[**9**] Rend Lake CBC, *19 Dec.* (Dan Kassebaum).
[**9**] Centennial Trail (DuPage Co), *24 Jan.* (Audrey Carl).
[**8**] Fox River SP (LaSalle Co), *5 Jan.* (Alyssa Rod, Diana Rod, Gene Rod).
[**7**] HLCA, *28 Dec.* (Chad Cremer).

House Wren
[**1**] LeRoy Oakes FP (Kane Co), *4 Dec.* (Brendon Lake).
[**1**] Orland Grassland (Cook Co), *5 Dec.* (Noah Price).
[**1**] HL, *29 Dec.* (Trevor Leitz, Kadynn Hatfield).
[**1**] GLPSNA, *29 Jan.* (Kyle Wiktor).
[**1**] Miller-And, *18 Dec.* (Douglas Stotz).
[**1**] CONWR, *20 Dec.* (Jacob C. Cooper).

Winter Wren
High count of 3 from 10 counties.

Marsh Wren
[**1**] DWR, *4 Dec.* (Dustin Holschuh).
[**1**] Heron Rd (Carroll Co), *15 Dec.* (Kelly J McKay).
[**1**] RollinsSav, *5 Dec.* (Beau Schaefer).
[**1**] Weaver Pk (Champaign Co), *19 Dec.* (Evalynn Trumbo).
[**1**] Bellrose Waterfowl Reserve (Pulaski Co), *14 Dec.* (Kimberly Rohling).

Carolina Wren
[**31**] UCCA, *29 Dec.* (Kelly J McKay, Vern Kleen).
[**23**] Horseshoe Lake CBC (Alexander Co), *28 Dec.* (beau schaefer).
[**19**] HLCA, *28 Dec.* (Tony Rothering, Chad Cremer).
[**16**] AllertonPk, *2 Jan.* (Henry Pollock, Zachary Sutton).

European Starling
[**12,900**] CBC, RendL area (Jefferson Co), *19 Dec.* (Keith McMullen).
[**10,000**] Borrows Pits (Madison Co), *7 Dec.* (Bill Rowe, Tom Parmeter).
[**10,000**] LCal, *13 Dec.* (Walter Marcisz).

Gray Catbird
Single birds reported from 11 counties.

Brown Thrasher
[**5**] Wolf Crk SP (Shelby Co), *2 Jan.* (Colin Dobson).
[**4**] Cedar L (Jackson Co), *7 Feb.* (Jeffrey McCrary).
[**3**] C'dale, *1 Jan.* (Kimberly Rohling).

Northern Mockingbird
[**9**] Dongola (Union Co), *17 Jan.* (Greg Daniel).
[**7**] Marion (Williamson Co), *3 Dec.* (Tina Pryor).

Eastern Bluebird
[**30**] BigL (Brown Co), *15 Dec.* (Colin Dobson, Tony Ward).
[**30**] Rend Lake CBC, *19 Dec.* (Dan Kassebaum).
[**20**] Boone Creek CA (McHenry Co), *22 Dec.* (Jeff Aufmann).
Many found dead in bluebird boxes in S. IL after snow and cold spell.

MOUNTAIN BLUEBIRD
[**1**] Soloman area (De Witt Co), *28-31 Dec.* (Rhetta Jack, Colin Dobson*, m.ob.).

Townsend's Solitaire
[**1**] Hampshire FP (Kane Co), *4 Dec.* (Brendon Lake*) (Photos.).

Hermit Thrush
[**14**] UCSFWA, *29 Dec.* (Chad Cremer, Mark Vukovich).
[**10**] Ava (Jackson Co), *7 Dec.* (Mark Vukovich).

American Robin
[**1,088**] Black Partridge FP (Cook Co), *20 Dec.* (Nathan Goldberg, Steve Huggins).
[**910**] McHenry Co, *20 Jan.* (Lisa Maier).
[**750**] Versailles (Brown Co), *15 Dec.* (Colin Dobson, Tony Ward).

Cedar Waxwing
[**200**] FerneClyffe, *1 Dec.* (Abbey Marsmaker).
[**200**] Hickory Grove CA (McHenry Co), *17 Dec.* (Jeff Aufmann).
[**177**] MArb, *3 Jan.* (J Hardt).

House Sparrow
[**300**] Univ Cattle Farm (Champaign Co), *19 Dec.* (Rachel Vinsel, Rob Kanter).
[**265**] La Moille (Bureau Co), *18 Jan.* (Mike Madsen).
[**250**] Annawan Cattle Ponds (Henry Co), *26 Dec.* (Ted Wolff).

Eurasian Tree Sparrow
[**605**] Mercer Co, *24 Dec.* (Brian Brevins, Corey Blevins, m.ob.).
[**507**] QC, *24 Dec.* (Kelly J McKay, m.ob.).
[**200**] Powerton L (Tazewell Co), *24 Jan.* (Bert Foquet).
[**75**] Henderson Co, *27 Dec.* (Stephen Hager).
[**65**] Sunset Marina (Rock Island Co), *26 Jan.* (Steven Freed).
Continuing to expand range n. and e., inc. as far as LRSNC in Cook Co.

American Pipit
[**50**] Thebes (Alexander Co), *28 Dec.* (Mark Vukovich).
[**20**] HeronCP, *3 Jan.* (Rob Kanter).
[**18**] Belknap (Massac Co), *28 Feb.* (Colin Dobson).
[**7**] GLNTC, *1 Jan.* (Amanda Tichacek).

EVENING GROSBEAK
[**52**] backyard (Saline Co), *24 Jan.* (Cathy DeNeal).
[**9**] Channahon, *3 Dec.* (Pete Fenner, et al.).
[**7**] Griggsville (Pike Co), *22 Feb.* (Ted Hartzler).
See Meadowlark Volume 30.2 for additional sightings.

House Finch
[**320**] Corporate Pkwy (Boone Co), *18 Dec.* (Eric Secker).
[**200**] Mackinaw R SFWA (Tazewell Co), *24 Feb.* (Bert Foquet).
[**109**] River Rd (Will Co), *3 Jan.* (Sarah Hendrickson, Susan Zelek).

Purple Finch
[**20**] Benton (Franklin Co), *12 Feb.* (Ryan Scott).
[**16**] Payson (Adams Co), *16 Feb.* (Jason Mullins).
[**15**] Gremel WS (Lee Co), *8 Dec.* (Stephen Hager).
[**15**] StarvedRock, *28 Feb.* (Alyssa Rod, Diana Rod, Gene Rod).

Common Redpoll
[**200**] GLPSNA, *6 Jan.* (Matt Misewicz).
[**164**] Mundsinger Wds (Kendall Co), *19 Jan.* (Stephen Hurst).
[**80**] CBG, *17 Dec.* (Al Stokie).
[**55**] WolfL, *22 Jan.* (Ted Wolff).
[**50**] Rodeo Dr L (Will Co), *3 Feb.* (Mike Madsen).
Reported from 31 counties (North: 18, Central: 12, South: 1).

Hoary Redpoll
[**1**] CBG, *22 Nov. – 6 Jan.* (Isoo O'Brien, m.ob.*).
[**1**] Jackson Pk (Cook Co), *8 Dec.* (Randy Shonkwiler*) (Photos.).
[**1**] Burnham Pk (Cook Co), *9 Dec.* (Ryan F uller*) (Photos.).
[**1**] GLPSNA, *6 Jan.* (Matt Misewicz).

Red Crossbill
[**50**] Hardin Co, *2 Jan.* (Joy O'Keefe, Mark Vukovich).
[**30**] SRSF, *11 Dec.* (Jared Gorrell).
[**14**] Carterville (Williamson Co), *8 Dec.* (Dan Wylie).
[**12**] Timber Pointe (McLean Co), *5 Dec.* (Daniel Goldberg, et al.).
[**9**] Greenwood Cem (Winnebago Co), *3 Jan.* (Dan Williams, John Longhenry).
[**8**] SpringL, *27 Feb.* (Bert Foquet).

White-winged Crossbill
[**16**] Will Co, *1 Dec.* (Matt Misewicz).
[**15**] Morris (Grundy Co), *16 Jan.* (Matt Misewicz).
[**12**] Belvidere Cem (Boone Co), *15 Dec.* (Joel Neylon).
[**11**] Afton FP (DeKalb Co), *1 Dec.* (Ken Reinert).
[**10**] MArb, *1 Dec.* (Bob Andrini).
[**10**] Hampton Cem (Rock Island Co), *26 Dec.* (Steven Freed*, Dan Williams*, m.ob.).
[**10**] McDonald Wds FP(Lake Co), *17 Jan.* (Ted Wolff).
[**8**] Greenwood Cem (Winnebago Co), *22 Dec.* (John Longhenry*, et al.).
[**6**] Boone Creek CA (McHenry Co), *26 Dec.* (Randy Schietzelt).
[**4**] Midewin, *5 Dec.* (Stephen Hurst).
[**3**] Batavia (Kane Co), *6 Dec.* (Jay Sturner).
[**3**] Hudson (McLean Co), *7 Dec.* (Kevin Suess).
[**3**] Scales Mound (Jo Daviess Co), *31 Dec.* (Barbara Bernard).
[**3**] Carle Park (Champaign Co), *4 Jan.* (unknown).

Pine Siskin
[**305**] Saline Co, *16 Jan.* (Eric Walters).
[**100**] Winnebago Co, *3 Dec.* (Dan Williams, Barbara Williams).
[**100**] Marion (Williamson Co), *11 Jan.* (Tina Pryor).
[**96**] Mundsinger Wds (Kendall Co), *19 Dec.* (Scott Johnson).
[**65**] backyard (Piatt Co), *3 Jan.* (Nathan Beccue).

American Goldfinch
[**192**] HLCA, *28 Dec.* (Chad Cremer, Tony Rothering).
[**150**] Crawford Co SFWA (Crawford Co), *6 Feb.* (Steven Lima).
[**129**] GlacialPk, *29 Dec.* (Michal Furmanek).

Lapland Longspur
[**2,500**] Gridley (McLean Co), *26 Jan.* (Benjamin Guo).
[**2,000**] Knight Hawk Strip Mine (Jackson Co), *29 Jan.* (Jacob C. Cooper, Laurel Toussaint, Zach Skubiszewski).
[**1,400**] CarlL-C, *7 Feb.* (Dan Kassebaum).
[**1,200**] Coffeen Lake (Montgomery Co), *20 Feb.* (Colin Dobson, Nate Shipley, Ziting Chen).
[**800**] Will Co, *23 Jan.* (Dave Z.).

Snow Bunting
[**80**] Sycamore (DeKalb Co), *3 Feb.* (Ken Reinert).
[**45**] Montrose, *1 Dec.* (Matt Zuro).
[**26**] Ford Co, *6 Feb.* (Scott Saffer).

Grasshopper Sparrow
[**1**] NPM, *13 Dec.* (Alyssa Rod, m.ob.).

Chipping Sparrow
[**4**] Santa Fe Pra NP (Cook Co), *15 Dec.* (Rod Barbo).
[**4**] Horseshoe Lake CBC (Alexander Co), *28 Dec.* (Beau Schaefer).
[**4**] LRSNC, *27 Feb.* (Aadi Deshmukh).

Field Sparrow
[**18**] Metropolis (Massac Co), *30 Dec.* (Kimberly Rohling, Kevin Rohling).
[**15**] Union Co, *20 Dec.* (Mark Vukovich).
[**15**] Monticello (Piatt Co), *4 Jan.* (Evan Smith).

American Tree Sparrow
[**300**] Mackinaw R SFWA (Tazewell Co), *1 Feb.* (Bert Foquet).
[**200**] SpringL, *27 Jan.* (Ted Wolff).
[**180**] Grayslake (Lake Co), *17 Jan.* (Glenn Giacinto).
[**140**] StumpL, *20 Feb.* (Levi Mattingly).

Fox Sparrow
[**35**] Atchison Crk area (Jefferson Co), *19 Dec.* (Michael Heaney).
[**26**] Pohlman Slough/Royal Landing (Calhoun Co), *27 Dec.* (Nathan Goldberg, Glenn Giacinto, Steve Huggins, Ryan Jones).
[**17**] Monee (Will Co), *29 Jan.* (Pat Andersen).
[**10**] Sangamon R FP (Champaign Co), *9 Jan.* (aerin tedesco).

Dark-eyed Junco
[**300**] StumpL, *20 Feb.* (Levi Mattingly).
[**155**] Banta Rd (Woodford Co), *3 Jan.* (Pete Fenner).
[**133**] Marshall SFWA, *3 Jan.* (Brian Fox Ellis).

White-crowned Sparrow
[**45**] Grayson Rd (Saline Co), *18 Dec.* (Colin Dobson).
[**45**] Bond Co, *29 Dec.* (Colin Dobson).
[**45**] TwoRivers, *29 Jan.* (Jared Gorrell).
[**20**] Evergreen Cemetery (Grundy Co), *3 Jan.* (Susan Zelek).

GOLDEN-CROWNED SPARROW
[**1**] backyard (Winnebago Co), *18 Nov. – 13 Dec.* (Dan Williams*, Barbara Williams*, m.ob.).

Harris's Sparrow
[**1**] Jackson Co, *18 Dec.* (Don Mullison).
[**1**] EvergreenL (McLean Co), *8 Jan.* (Paula Aschim, m.ob.).

White-throated Sparrow
[**140**] CarlL-C, *7 Feb.* (Dan Kassebaum).
[**120**] Murphysboro (Jackson Co), *1 Jan.* (Dan Wylie).
[**102**] Len Small Levee Blowout (Alexander Co), *28 Dec.* (Trevor Slovick).
[**100**] StumpL, *20 Feb.* (Levi Mattingly).

Vesper Sparrow
[**1**] Bailey Wet (Richland Co), *17 Dec.* (Leroy Harrison).
[**1**] Lawrenceville (Lawrence Co), *17 Dec.* (Colin Dobson).
[**1**] LostMound, *5 Jan.* (Scott Latimer).
[**1**] Dynegy Energy Pond (Kendall Co), *17 Jan.* (Ryan Jones, et al.).
[**1**] Hickory Knolls NA (Kane Co), *19 Jan.* (Jon J Duerr).

LeConte's Sparrow
[**1**] Pyramid, *1 Dec.* (Abbey Marsmaker).
[**1**] Rainbow B (Cook Co), *3 Dec.* (Steve Huggins).
[**1**] Sesser (Franklin Co), *19 Dec.* (Colin Dobson).

Savannah Sparrow
[**60**] Mounds (Pulaski Co), *28 Dec.* (Kimberly Rohling, Kevin Rohling).
[**28**] Long Lane Rd (Saline Co), *31 Dec.* (Carol Keasler).
[**24**] Metropolis (Massac Co), *14 Dec.* (Anne Parmley).
[**18**] Townline Rd, Grayslake (Lake Co), *1 Jan.* (Jim Solum).
[**16**] Seavey Rd (Kane Co), *28 Jan.* (Ann Haverstock).

Song Sparrow
[**61**] Horseshoe L CBC (Alexander Co), *28 Dec.* (Beau Schaefer).
[**45**] Burning Star Mine (Jackson Co), *22 Dec.* (Jacob C. Cooper).
[**36**] Univ of IL Forestry Plantations (Champaign Co), *19 Dec.* (m.ob.).
[**23**] Burnham Pra NP (Cook Co), *2 Jan.* (m.ob.).

Lincoln's Sparrow
[**3**] Centennial Trail (DuPage Co), *14 Jan.* (Michael Warner, Joan Campbell).
[**2**] WhalonL, *15 Jan.* (Michael Warner).
Reports from 9 counties.

Swamp Sparrow
[**60**] StumpL, *20 Feb.* (Levi Mattingly).
[**43**] Len Small Levee Blowout (Alexander Co), *28 Dec.* (Chad Cremer, Trevor Slovick).
[**16**] GLPSNA, *3 Jan.* (Matt Misewicz).
[**15**] Middlefork SFWA (Vermilion Co), *6 Jan.* (Colin Dobson).

Spotted Towhee
[**2**] CarlL-C, *29 Dec.* (m.ob.).
[**1**] EvergreenL (McLean Co), *19 Dec.* (Angelo Capparella*, m.ob.).
[**1**] East Peoria (Tazewell Co), *17 Jan.* (Bert Foquet).
[**1**] Boone Co, *2 Feb.* (Joel Neylon).
[**1**] Bliss Woods FP (Kane Co), *26 Jan.* (Jason Newton, m.ob.).

Eastern Towhee
[**31**] Wolf Creek SP (Shelby Co), *2 Jan.* (Colin Dobson).
[**15**] Sesser (Franklin Co), *19 Dec.* (Colin Dobson).
[**14**] CarlL-C, *29 Dec.* (Tommy Goodwin).

Western Meadowlark
[**10**] CarlL-C, *12 Dec.* (Dan Kassebaum).
[**6**] TwoRivers, *29 Jan.* (Jared Gorrell).
[**5**] Minooka (Kendall Co), *31 Jan.* (m.ob.).
[**3**] Modena Rd (Stark Co), *31 Dec.* (Colin Dobson).

Eastern Meadowlark
[**50**] Massac Co, *30 Dec.* (Kimberly Rohling, Kevin Rohling).
[**35**] Harrison/Cedar Rd (Jackson Co), *2 Jan.* (Keith McMullen).
[**33**] Arenzville (Morgan Co), *15 Dec.* (Ian Souza-Cole, Ryan Askren).
[**9**] Newark (Kendall Co), *6 Feb.* (Ted Wolff).

Baltimore Oriole
[**1**] Schuyler Co, *2 Dec.* (Linda Engelbrecht).
[**1**] Rock Island Co, *8 Dec.* (Bob Castle, Sarah Gende).
[**1**] RRR, *4 Dec.* (Michael Nagrocki).

Red-winged Blackbird
[**10,400**] S IL Univ Carbondale (Jackson Co), *9 Feb.* (Jacob C. Cooper).
[**10,000**] St. Clair Co, *19 Jan.* (Joel Adams).
[**5,000**] RendL-J, *19 Dec.* (Keith McMullen).

Brown-headed Cowbird
[**1,200**] Rt 4, Lebanon (St. Clair Co), *3 Jan.* (Dan Kassebaum).
[**1,000**] BannerM, *8 Dec.* (Andrew Dreelin).
[**1,000**] DPCA, *29 Jan.* (Kyle Wiktor).
[**811**] CBC, Starved Rock area (LaSalle Co), *29 Dec.* (Ted Hartzler, Don Hartzler).

Rusty Blackbird
[**600**] Bonnie-RendL N (Jefferson Co), *19 Dec.* (Keith McMullen).
[**150**] Carbondale (Jackson Co), *1 Jan.* (Kimberly Rohling).
[**115**] Bluff Road Hidden Wetland (Clark Co), *11 Dec.* (Steven Lima).

Brewer's Blackbird
[**500**] Pyramid, *2 Jan.* (Keith McMullen).
[**180**] Gallatin Co, *16 Jan.* (Eric Walters).
[**110**] Perry Co, *15 Jan.* (Eric Walters).

Common Grackle
[**50,000**] Junction (Gallatin Co), *11 Jan.* (Colin Dobson, Tony Ward).
[**14,500**] Bonnie-RendL N (Jefferson Co), *19 Dec.* (Keith McMullen).
[**11,000**] Saline Co, *16 Jan.* (Eric Walters).
[**10,000**] Carbondale (Williamson Co), *20 Dec.* (Don Mullison).

Ovenbird
[**1**] Cook Co, *5 Dec.* (Patricia Durkin).
[**1**] BuseyWds, *19 Dec.* (Zachary Sutton).

Northern Waterthrush
[**1**] Cook Co, *19 Dec.* (Carl Giometti).

Tennessee Warbler
[**1**] Glenview (Cook Co), *15 Dec.* (Chris Cipolla).

Orange-crowned Warbler
[**2**] CONWR, *12 Jan.* (Aimee Reel-Hemphill).
[**1**] Sesser (Franklin Co), *19 Dec.* (Colin Dobson).
[**1**] HL, *28 Dec.* (Travis DeNeal).
[**1**] Rend Lake CBC, *19 Dec.* (Dan Kassebaum).

Nashville Warbler
[**1**] NoP, *1 Dec.* (m.ob.).

Kentucky Warbler
[**1**] Wauk, ***13 Dec.*** (Peter Weber*, Steve Mulhall).

Common Yellowthroat
[**1**] Skokie Lagoons (Cook Co), *26 Dec.* (Jeff Bilsky*, Amanda Tichacek).
[**1**] MermetL, *30 Dec.* (Vicki Lang*, Rhonda Rothrock).

Cape May Warbler
[**1**] Stark Co, *8 Dec.* (Mary Canaday Gray).
[**1**] Christian Co, *18 Jan.* (Brian Lockwood).

Palm Warbler
[**1**] C'dale Res (Jackson Co), *8 Dec.* (Jacob C. Cooper).
[**1**] EForkL, *5 Dec.* (Leroy Harrison).
[**1**] LSpfld, *4 Dec.* (Dave Bohlen).

Pine Warbler
[**3**] SNF, *5 Feb.* (Mark Vukovich).
[**2**] Hamilton Co SFWA, *17 Dec.* (Colin Dobson).
[**2**] Waters Cem (Hardin Co), *22 Dec.* (Trevor Slovick).
[**2**] Coles Crk (Clinton Co), *5 Dec.* (Dan Kassebaum).

Yellow-rumped Warbler
[**12**] SNF, *16 Dec.* (Jacob C. Cooper).
[**8**] West Branch FP (DuPage Co), *19 Dec.* (Urs Geiser).
[**5**] Jon J Duerr FP (Kane Co), *17 Dec.* (Kyle Wiktor).

Summer Tanager
[**1**] Deer Park (Lake Co), *25 Dec.* (Susan Gorr).

Scarlet Tanager
[**1**] Montgomery (Kendall Co), *9 Dec.* (Liz Copeland).

Western Tanager
[**1**] Channahon, *12-17 Dec.* (Niklas Klauss, Alex Mortensen, m.ob.*).
[**1**] Minooka (Grundy Co), *19-20 Dec.* (Ma tt Misewicz, et al.) (Reportedly same bird as one in Channahon.).

Northern Cardinal
[**100**] WCCA, *13 Feb.* (Matthew Simmons).
[**84**] HLCA, *28 Dec.* (Tony Rothering).
[**60**] Carbondale (Jackson Co), *1 Jan.* (Don Mullison).

Indigo Bunting
[**2**] CarlL-C, *29 Dec.* (Dan Kassebaum, et al.).
[**1**] Champaign, *2 Dec.* (Michael Ward).
[**1**] Grafton (Jersey Co), *12 Dec.* (Nick Wells).
[**1**] St. Joseph Wet (Champaign Co), *19 Dec.* (Michael Ward, Joy O'Keefe, Mark Vukovich).
[**1**] Thebes (Alexander Co), *28 Dec.* (Mark Vukovich).

Dickcissel
[**1**] Devonshire (Champaign Co), *21 Dec.* (Ian Brooks).
[**1**] Ford Co, *4 Jan.* (Scott Saffer).
[**1**] Tolono (Champaign Co), *6 Jan.* (Jennifer Anderson-Cruz).

EXOTICS

European Goldfinch
[**95**] Market St. (Lake Co), *1 Jan.* (Amanda Tichacek, Jeff Bilsky).
[**60**] Rt 83, Grayslake (Lake Co), *18 Jan.* (Jim Solum).
[**20**] Zion (Lake Co), *12 Jan.* (William McClellan).
[**1**] Armstrong Pk (DuPage Co), *3 Dec.* (Carol Minix).

WESTERN TANAGER. Channahon, Will Co. 14 Dec. 2020. Photo by Bonnie Graham.

RUFOUS HUMMINGBIRD. Rural Will County, 1 December 2020. Photo by Matt Misewicz.

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